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Spring into Past tour will highlight museums of the Tri River Network

by Emma Palova

Explore the ambience of a more simple era inside museums located in the vicinity of three rivers, the Flat, the Grand and the Thornapple, this summer.

The Spring into Past tour will showcase the museums of the Tri River Network on May 2 and May 3.

This year, on the tour you can obtain a punch card that can be attached to a key chain. If you visit all 18 locations this summer, and get the card punched, you can win \$200, \$100 or \$50. This year's theme is 'Those Who Serve.'

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"Every year we have something different," said Pat Allchin, director of the Lowell Area Historical Museum, "so even if you've visited us before, you'll find something new."

This year, it is a cake

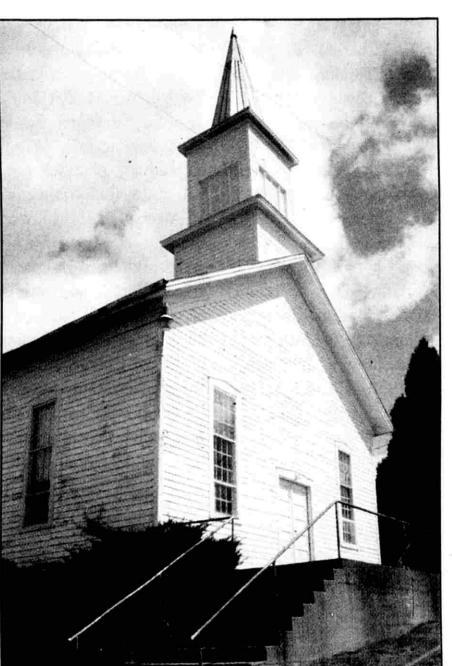
contest from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the museum's dining room.

The focus of the area hometown museums is diverse and ranges from fancy former mansions to churches, schoolhouses, dormitories, train depots, old store fronts and war museums.

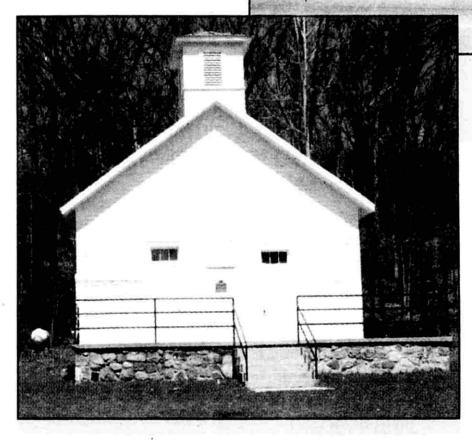
"The main purpose is to get people out to see what we're doing," said Allchin. *Tour, cont'd.*,

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Each museum will have a display in honor of the local military veterans, fire departments and police departments in different communities.



City of Lowell submits application for funding of street improvements

The city of Lowell submitted an application for funding of street improvement projects on Bowes Road for 2010-2011 under the Surface Transportation Program.

The project includes the reconstruction of Bowes Road west from Valley Vista Drive for a total of \$320,000.

For the economic stimulus program funding, the milling and resurfacing of Bowes Road from South Hudson to Valley Vista for \$78,000 was proposed.

Road and transit projects are eligible for funding under the Small Urban Program. They must be located on the federal-aid highway system, and within the federal urban area boundaries of cities within a 5,000 to 50,000 population. Projects must be consistent with regional land use and development plans. Lowell Area Historical Museum located in the Graham home on Main Street and Fallasburg one room schoolhouse, bottom left.



Alton Historic Church Museum

Area organizations celebrate Earth Day

by Emma Palova

ocal organizations celebrated Earth Day with different events ranging from tree plantings in downtown Lowell to the conservation expo held at the Wege Wittenbach Center last week.

The Lowell City Arbor Board members including Jim Reagan and Dana Chase along with Unity School students and members of the Lowell High School Environmental Club planted a green mountain sugar maple behind the city hall.

The tree will replace an old sugar maple tree whose root system was stressed out by the adjacent parking lot. The asphalt lot did not provide adequate water for the existing root system.

"It will replace what they cut down," said Reagan. "It will develop its own root system."

TheLHSEnvironmental Club with Wege Wittenbach Center director Meggan Johnson will plant 200 seedlings at the recreation park and other sites in the city this spring.

The seedlings were purchased with funds from the Lowell Arbor Board.

The conservation expo v

at the Wege Wittenbach Center featured unique attractions such as the Safari Club International mobile classroom. This Sensory Safari exhibited mounted animals from around the world.

Inside the center, educational booths displayed material about garlic mustard and rain

> Earth Day, cont'd., pg. 11



Alma Bing shows off mounted animals at the Wittenbach Wege Center.





BIGGS

C.F. (Charlie) Biggs, of Port Charlotte, FL, was in Lowell and

motto. First," a tradition that Frankfort, 76, died Tuesday, continues even today. He April 14, 2009 in Traverse was preceded in death by his City. She was born in wife of 54 years and mother Frankfort on July 18, 1932, of his children, Geneva the daughter of Harvey and Williamson Biggs; second Josephine (Quick) Moore. wife of ten years, Marjorie On August 8, 1959, Velma Cockerham Biggs; son, C.F. married Ernest Blattner in (Rick) Biggs, Jr.; daughter, Evergreen, Colorado. Vel's Linda Lumas; parents, love for the outdoors, Jeep Frank and Helen Biggs; and riding on two tracks, looking brothers, Morris and Jesse for wild turkeys, deer, bear Biggs. Charlie is survived by or any wonders of nature, born December 20, 1912 his daughter, Molly (Henry) will be greatly missed by passed Templin, of Punta Gorda, her husband, Ernie. If you away Thursday, April 9, FL; stepdaughter, Susan said "Jeep Ride" she was 2009. A former resident of Cockerham, of Shreveport, ready in five minutes flat Shreveport, he moved to LA; sister, Ruth Simington, along with snacks and a Port Charlotte, FL in 2008 of Athens; brother, Robert thermos of hot coffee. For to be near his daughter and Biggs, of Lowell; six that reason, her grandkids son-in-law. In 1936 while grandchildren; six great- called her "Grandma Jeep." working for Borroughs grandchildren; and a host Vel's love for her grandkids Adding Machine Company, of nieces and nephews. was beyond compare. There he moved to Shreveport Services for the Celebration wasn't a time after a visit as a Service Technician. of Life of Charlie was held when we left for our long In 1950, Charlie formed Saturday at Tatum Chapel of journey home that there the C.F. Biggs Co., Inc., Broadmoor Baptist Church. wasn't a "goodie bag" for specializing in electronic Memorials may be made her grandson, Jon. She will office equipment, with the to Noel Memorial United also be greatly missed by my

Methodist Church Food Pantry or to the charity of the donor's choice.

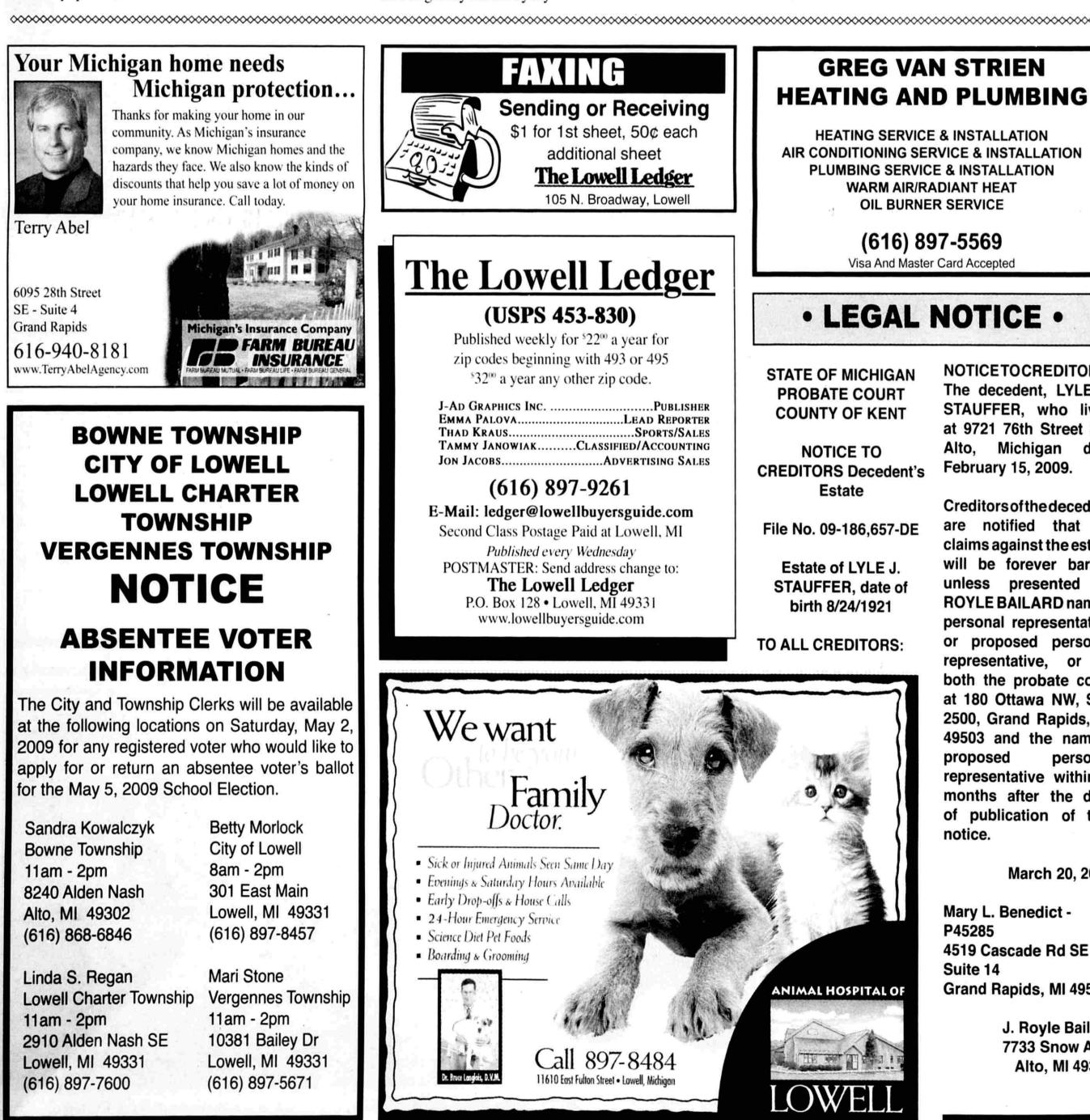
BLATTNER

"Service Comes Velma Elaine Blattner, of

and respected her very much Family Funeral Home and for all the help she gave our Cremation Service handled dad on weekends, keeping the arrangements. us kids fed, entertained and in line, and the great summer trips we had to Colorado in Mr. Gary Tidd, age 60, the 60's. Life won't be the passed away on Wednesday, same without her but we April 22, 2009. He was a will all have great memories 1967 graduate of Grandville to help us get through. She High School and was is survived by her husband inducted into the U.S. Army of nearly 50 years, Ernest; in 1971 during the Vietnam stepson, Al (Mary) Blattner War. For 20 plus years, he of Frankfort; stepdaughter, worked for Irwin Seating. Linda (Virgil) Fountain of Gary along with his buddies, Rockford; grandchildren, enjoyed playing slow-pitch Aaron (Peg) Blattner of Bear softball, and he and Virginia Lake, Jonathan (Ashley) were members of a couples' Frost of Charlotte; six bowling league. During great-grandchildren; sister, leisure times, Gary enjoyed Jean (Bounce) Rossell of watching TV, especially Copemish; brother, Frank sports. He is survived by Moore of Grand Rapids; his family, Virginia, Joe brother and sister-in-law, and Tracy Tidd, Joe and Rudy (Donna) Blattner, Paul Chantel Locklear: several (Terry) Blattner and Franz grandchildren; mother, Mrs. Blattner, all of Lowell. She Dorothy Preblo; brother, was preceded in death by her Victor (Valerie) Tidd: and parents; brothers, Melvin, sister, Sandy Johnston. The Mike, Alec and Ira Moore; service was held Monday at sisters, Evelyn Phillips the Pederson Funeral Home. and Leota D'Argenio; and Military honors were under Lake Cemetery. brother-in-law, Anthony the auspices of the Kent (Viola) Blattner. Cremation County Honor Guard

brother and me, who loved has taken place. Jowett

TIDD





TYGESEN

. Marie Tygesen, age 96, of Lowell, passed away Thursday, April 23, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Tygesen. She is survived by her daughter, Delores (LeRoy) Smith of Ada: son, Richard (Jackie) Tygesen of Kalamazoo; seven grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Interment Bostwick

NOTICETOCREDITORS: The decedent, LYLE J. STAUFFER, who lived at 9721 76th Street SE, Alto, Michigan died

Creditorsofthedecedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred presented to **ROYLE BAILARD named** personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa NW, Ste. 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/ personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this

March 20, 2009

4519 Cascade Rd SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546

> J. Royle Bailard 7733 Snow Ave. Alto, MI 49302

Tour, continued ... From Page 1

Network Sally Johnson, the tour is a Temple promotional event to raise Lowell Historical Museum - "Gleaners" awareness and generate features a virtual tour along *Charlton Park Historical* vicinity of the three rivers. interest.

"Each museum different, even the one room schoolhouses are different." featuring a restored glider in said Johnson.

take place at select museums including bake sales, candy sales and other special displays like antique cars.

Museums on

the tour include: Pine Forest Museum -

an old church in Edmore Portland Historical Society - in the city hall

The Belrockton Dormitory housed girls who worked in the silk industry in Belding Blanchard House - restored Victorian home in Ionia Bowne Township (Alto) Historical Museum and one Lyons-Muir Museum

room schoolhouse Fallasburg

Historical Village and one room schoolhouse

with Victorian rooms

Military Museum Greenville

Additional events will The Flat River Museum - in Greenville on the Flat River Lake Odessa Historical Museum - features a restored railroad depot

> Boston/Saranac Historical Museum - features a restored railroad depot

Alton Historical Museum - located in a church that was once part of a bustling community

Averill Historical Museum and restored barn in Ada Cascade Museum - located in old town hall built in 1898

located in an old storefront

According to Tri River Freeport Historical Museum Oakfield Pioneer Heritage spokesperson - located in the old Masonic Museum - was once the Network

Village - encompasses a 300area

The Tri River Museum was founded meeting place for the in 2002 to promote local museums located in the The tour is free and is The Fighting Falcons acre museum and recreation maps can be obtained at any museum.

Home ownership education and foreclosure prevention

Staff members from the Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF) located in Grand Rapids will be in Lowell on May 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. to talk about home buyer education and counseling, as well as foreclosure prevention.

ICCF home ownership counselors help people buy and stay in their homes. You can also receive information about the two new homes still available that ICCF built on South West Street and Bowes Road.

program.

Retailers

328-3086.

oven

Call for more details and to register. Walk-ins are welcome. Country Hills Realty, 2345 Bowes Road, 293-0980.

savings up to 75 percent off generic.

While the card is intended primarily for those without health insurance or for those with insurance but without prescription drug coverage, even those with coverage can use the cards on "Free Rx Cards." If you

Heroing is one of the shortest-lived professions there is.

- Will Rogers (1879 - 1935

> TUES: Pepperoni pizza (quesadilla w/salsa also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake) antipasto salad, pears milk

> WED: Taco (soft or hard shell). cheese, lettuce (ham & cheese w/lettuce sub also offered at Alto. Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), fresh fruit, apple juice. animal crackers. milk.

THURS: Cheeseburger on bun (ravioli w/wheat roll also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake) oven potatoes, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

FRI: Macaroni & cheese (turkey & cheese wrap also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake) green beans, bluebern crisp, milk.



families can save on prescriptions With Rep. Dave Hildenbrand

Association announced a new program requirements. Cardholders covered by an insurance be mailed to you, or need to help Michigan families can receive discounts plan. More than 2,000 save money on prescription averaging 35 percent off pharmacies in Michigan drugs. The Michigan the cost of prescription and 50,000 nationwide Retailers Free Rx Card medication, with some - from major chains to is available and free to

The Michigan Retailers everyone - there are no age, in some circumstances, do not have Internet access recently income or other eligibility such as when a drug is not and would like a card to

College News

and Brandon S. Postema, of Alto have been named to the Dean's List for winter term at Northwood University. The announcement was made by John D. Grether,

Erik R. Mateus, of Ada academic dean of the uni versity.

To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.





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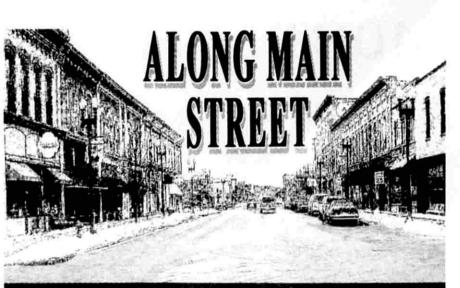


independent pharmacies - are participating in the

Anyone can obtain a card by visiting the Michigan Association website at http://www. retailers.com/ and clicking further assistance, please contact my office at 877-



MON: Footlong on bun (salisbury steak w/roll also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake) fries, French pineapple, milk.



HERBS AND FLOWERS

Herbs and Flowers of Colonial America will be shown on local channel 25 on Wed., Apr. 29 at 5 p.m.; Thurs., Apr. 30 at 7 p.m.; Fri., May 1 at 6 p.m.; Sat., May 2 at 10 a.m. Sponsored by Lowell Area Historical Museum.

CAKE CONTEST

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will be hosting their first Cake Contest at the annual Spring Into The Past Museum Tours. All cake entries for the contest must apply by April 30. The entry fee is \$5; the cake must be made from scratch and brought to the museum by 11 a.m. the day of the contest, which is May 2. The winners will be announced no later than 5 p.m. You can help judge the entries by paying \$2 to taste these cakes from 1-4 p.m. on the day of the contest.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Rookies Sportcards Plus, 106 W. Main St., will be giving away hundreds of free comics Sat., May 2. Something for everyone, and get your photo taken with a live super-hero. Plus an in-store appearance by local comic artist, Nick Myers. Questions call 897-5650, www. rookies-sportcards.com.

MUSEUM TOUR

The Lowell Area Historical Museum is once again participating in the Spring Into the Past Museum Tour, May 2 and 3 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. So grab Mom, Dad, Kids & Grandparents and spend a day traveling down the road of some great history. Pick up a brochure and visit any of the 18 museums in the Tri-River Museum Network for a fun filled day. Free admission - donations accepted.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Mon., May 4 at 7 p.m. Please come and support our athletes.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Angel Food Ministries order days at First Baptist Church, 2275 Main St. Fri., May 8, 4-6 p.m. and Sat., May 9, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Delivery, May 30, 8:30-9:30 a.m. For info call IlaJean, 897-6609 or visit www. angelfoodministries.org.

LOWELL LACROSSE

Friday Night Under the Lights! - Lowell Lacrosse will be hosting a special night Fri., May 8 at the Lowell High School, Red Arrow Stadium. The Lowell JV-B vs Pennfield at 5:30 p.m., Lowell Varsity vs Grand Rapids Catholic Central at 7 p.m.

GARLIC MUSTARD PULL

Fifth Annual Garlic Mustard Pull, Sat., May 9, 10 a.m. at Stoney Lakeside Park. For information or to signup call Kris, 987-9343 or Peggy, 897-7948. Bring your family, friends, or group.

TRIBUTE TREE

The Lowell Education Foundation is seeking submissions for the Tribute Tree to be awarded at a June 2 ceremony. A gift of \$400 or more will honor someone who has made a difference in the Lowell Schools. For more information, see our website at Lowelleducationfou ndation.org or contact Karen Corbett at 897-9330.

FOOD PANTRY

The F.R.O.M. Food Pantry is presently in need of: canned fruit, boxed potates, hamburger and chicken helper and paper products. Please help if you can. Over 200 families are receiving help each month.

EDUCATIONAL TUTORS AVAILABLE

Would you like help for your student this summer in an academic subject? Call Carol at Lowell Area Schools, 987-2516, to be given the name of a tutor who can be matched with your child's needs. You and the tutor make all arrangements: how often to meet, where, and the hourly cost.

MDOT preps detour for 2010 downtown bridge replacement

by Emma Palova

Advance detour work will start this fall to prepare for the 2010 downtown bridge replacement.

Representatives from the Michigan Department of Transportation, consulting and engineering firms met last week to discuss the impact of a major project on the city.

Eastbound will be maintained during signal will be installed at the westbound traffic will be Alden Nash. detoured, according to Halbeisen.

traffic of the detour. Also, a traffic M21 and Hudson during the on the south side of the construction, while Grand River Drive and

The estimated engineering consultant Al frame for this year's prep work is midtolate September. Jackson Street, which Some work will be done on M21 to the bridge as part temporary left turn lanes at

construction.

bridge.

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The pre-stage work on the bridge will start in March lowered by two feet in order time of 2010. The north side of the to get a platform under the bridge will be constructed bridge to do the demolition. first because of the utilities, After that is completed, the however there will be no water level will be raised up related activities. will be used as a detour water lines on the north side service shutdowns, because again. route, will be repaved from of the bridge. There will be service will be maintained



Al Halbeisen explains staging of the bridge replacement project.

City planning commission set to regulate temporary structures

by Emma Palova Planning The Lowell Monday, Commission, decided regulate to temporary structures such as portable garages.

The decision came on the

resident Bob Robinson who had constructed a portable garage.

Robinson requested the commission to approve his structure. Rather than approval or enforcement. heels of a complaint against the commission decided to

the zoning ordinance.

of the garage, the type becomes permanent of surface or foundation, Commissioner number renewal.

garage is 380 square feet on renewing it. hard compacted ground and "I can't approve having The structure is only anchored to the ground. The Most commissioners were \$3,000.

Commissioner Laurie Noall said she is concerned about the renewal not to exceed three years.

work on an amendment to However, commissioner LaPonsie Maryalene The amendment may suggested a total of six include the type of sides years, and then the structure

Vance of years and Dimmick said he had a problem with a temporary The proposed temporary structure and then constantly

to be used for tools storage. something like this," he said.

investment is approximately concerned about temporary and their structures monitoring so they don't fall into disrepair.

> "It's rental property;

whose responsibility is the are now enforced under structure?" said Dimmick. the both Ultimately

traffic management plan.

downtown activities.

landlord and the owner of the garage will have to sign off on the structure. The amendment will not apply to sheds because they are considered primary storage their size.

Chair Doug Folsom was concerned about the length of time for enforcement. would like to see

"I some clarification in the enforcement process," he said.

Any such zoning violations



meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on April 20, 2009, the Board adopted Ordinance 02-2009, an amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance regarding the LI, Light Industrial Zoning District. This amendment expands and specifies the types of uses allowed by right and Special Land Use permit and would add development regulations pertaining to outdoor storage, driveway paving, enclosures for dumpsters, building facades and other similar requirements.

The ordinance shall become effective May 6, 2009. A copy of the complete text of the ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, during regular office hours or by calling 897-7600.

> Linda S. Regan Clerk



CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN LOWELI

The water level will be

meeting with the contractor will take place in February of 2010. Police chief James Hinton will serve as the central coordinator for all meetings and construction

pre-construction

The project will happen in two stages; first stage and approaches on the bridge will be on the north side likely of the bridge; second stage constructed in May and will be the south side of the bridge.

The second stage of the Decks will be poured construction will start in at night. The most visible change will be on the City representatives bridge railing, that will be were concerned about the poured concrete classic impact of the construction style. There will be loss of parking on the north side of on downtown events, such as the Riverwalk and the the bridge, while south side summer concerts. The will have restricted parking. Pedestrian access will Memorial Day parade may take an alternative route be maintained including from the Baptist Church to crosswalks.

The approximate Art Green of the MDOT time frame for the project Transportation Center, said is from March 2010 to MDOT will try to meet the mid September 2010 city's requirements halfway completion.

to lessen the impact on Signagewillincludethat the business district is open "I don't want mud bog during the construction. The rides rather than pontoon banner over Main Street will be gone during construction However, Halbeisen time. The total project cost said the project won't be is \$2 million.

> the new civil infractions ordinance.

The planning commission will also move ahead on previously tabled items such as joint signage ordinance with Lowell Charter Township and the off street structures and because of parking lighting section of the zoning ordinance.

> In related business Dimmick commissioner resigned due to health reasons.

The deadline for the owners of three buildings slated for demolition passed Monday. Inspector Doug Hopkins said he hasn't heard back from the owners. No decision was made as to the next step.



Viewpoint-

To The Editor

Dear Editor.

A comment at a City Council meeting expressed the need to fix Lowell's deteriorating roads. Also suggested was making a list of bad roads. But that is as far as the discussion Dear Editor, went.

I believe a list of Lowell's bad roads should have been done Lowell, I read a short article in the Lowell Ledger noting ten years ago with a follow up. Now all they will come up with is a list of despair.

I believe that Lowell's governing body down through the we all do in Michigan. Most everyone in the U.S. equates years has failed the community. The community has been taxed to death with big ideas. Our city government should not spend one cent more on any new project until they can come up with a progressive system of replacing our city kind of our own spring predictors: streets.

In these dire times it wouldn't be feasible to ask the community to contribute more in taxes. But I do see a glimmer of hope if the community utilizes all available taxes on their needs and not on their wants. It's not that it can't be done, it's about the willingness to do it. Putting our roads in the forefront, I believe, would make it possible to start next year using funds allocated for road work and from the DDA.

If we, as a community, can completely rework a road and parking lot in our downtown business district, then we, as a community, should be able to do the same for some of our other roads that are badly in need of restructuring even if it means one block at a time.

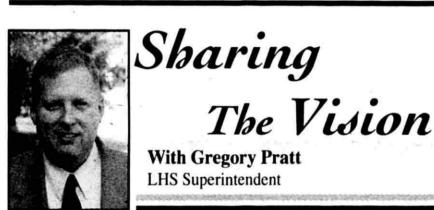


Several years ago when we first started our business in that Mrs. So and So had spotted the first bluebird of spring!

As the years go by I've come to look forward to spring as spring with the opening of spring training in Major League Baseball and the beginning of weekend golf, etc.

However, in Lowell, there are some unique signs that are Ball's Softee Cream opens

- Fred the Barber returns from Florida
- The flower and garden store in front of Curtis Cleaners
- Time to check our local mowing ordinance for this year
- Still waiting for the first bluebird sighting. Isn't this a great place to live?



Facts for the Lowell voter from a simple guy...

As you may be aware, on May 5, our school district will be asking Lowell Area Schools' voters for a renewal of a proposal regarding the 18 mill non-principal residence exemption. I know that, as a voter, I am sometimes perplexed by the complex wording of ballot questions which causes me to second-guess my understanding of the question itself. I often wonder why it is that ballots contain obscure and legalistic language that is sometimes unclear and difficult to comprehend. Most of you who know me might describe me as a "simple" guy, and I would tend to agree. That being said, I thought it might be helpful to provide you with facts in simple, conversational language, as it relates to this renewal:

What is a "non-principal residence" Millage? Formerly known as "non-homestead," this is an 18 mill tax levy on business, industrial, agricultural and rental properties within the school district. It is NOT a tax on homeowners.

What is a "mill?" A mill is \$1 for every \$1,000 of state equalized valuation (SEV). In Michigan, SEV is 50 percent of the market value of the property. For example, the SEV on \$150,000 would be \$75,000 and 1 mill would be worth your children and grandchildren. \$75.

Why do we need to restore 0.3076? The State of Michigan

passed the Headlee Amendment that reduces the nonprincipal residence exemption based on property value growth in the district.

Will my home property taxes go up if I vote yes? No. Your home property tax will remain the same; only the rate for commercial, industrial and rental properties will be affected.

Will my home property taxes go down if I vote no? No. Your home property tax rate will remain the same; the rate will drop only for commercial, industrial and rental businesses. However, the direct loss of this funding would adversely affect educational programs.

What will happen if I vote yes? For homeowners and businesses alike, nothing will change: homeowners don't pay this tax anyway, and businesses will simply continue to pay a tax they've been paying all along. For the Lowell school district, a yes vote will mean not only a continuation of 2.9 million dollars worth of direct local funding, but also the opportunity to continue current educational programs.

What happens if I vote no? For homeowners, nothing will happen. For the Lowell Area Schools, a no vote will mean the loss of 2.9 million dollars in direct tax revenue.

I hope that this "Q & A" is helpful. I want you to know that I am very thankful for the partnership between Lowell Area Schools and the Lowell community. Your support over the years demonstrates your confidence in knowing that the Lowell Area Schools continues to demonstrate itself to be a good steward of public monies and is a district committed to providing the very best academic experience to our students,

Together for Educational Excellence!!

Writing to the editor ...

The requirements are:

- · All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of residence.
- · Letters that contain statements that are libelous will not be published.
- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
- · Letters that serve as testimonials for or criticisms of for-profit businesses will not be accepted. · Letters serving the function of "cards of thanks" will not be accepted unless there is a compelling
- public interest, which will be determined by the editor. • Letters that include attacks of a personal nature will not be published or will be edited heavily.
- "Crossfire" letters between the same two people on one issue will be limited to one for each writer.
- In an effort to keep opinions varied, at times there may be a limit of one letter per person per week
- · We prefer letters to be printed legibly or typed, double-spaced. For e-mailed letters, please copy letter as part of the e-mail body and send to ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com.



Sincerely, Jim Howard

Charlie Bernard



125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL **APRIL 30, 1884**

The street sprinkler reminds us of summer about as much as this weather does.

Too many cattle at large within the corporation limits. Where is the pound boy?

Grand Opening at the new rink Friday evening, May 9. It will be the event of the season.

The bus team ran away Saturday while at the depot, upsetting the bus and disfiguring it somewhat, but no one was injured.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **APRIL 29, 1909**

Arbor day will be observed by our school. L. W. Cogswell Sr., was in Lowell Saturday for the first

time in four months.

Mrs. D. A. Wood is very poorly

Mrs. Henry Patterson and son William spent Saturday in Valley City.

O. C. Austin and family have moved back on their farm after living in Lowell for the past year.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO MAY 3, 1934

Memorial poppies which the women of the American Legion Auxiliary will distribute here on "Poppy Day," May 26, have been a means of providing employment to hundreds of World War veterans through the winter and summer months. The little red flowers have made possible earnings of approximately \$100,000 for these disabled

Making of the paper poppies, which the American Legion Auxiliary offers on "Poppy Day" to be worn in honor of World War dead, is reserved strictly for the disabled. The poppy is used exclusively by the Auxiliary because its making is by a hand rather than machine process.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **APRIL 30, 1959**

Two science teachers from Lowell High School will take a closer look at some of the newer developments in science Friday, May 1, when they visit Michigan State University for a one day science seminar.

While the teachers are in East Lansing they will be replaced by industrial scientists in the classroom. The scientists who will replace the teachers in the classroom will be Stan W. Dylewski and Peter Reisner of The Dow Chemical Company.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 2, 1984

Headline: 60 M. P. H. plus winds topple hundreds of

Garages appeared to be a popular target for the huge trees as they were toppled by wind gusts of 60 miles per hour or more on Monday. The Lowell Light and Power Company began receiving complaints at about 7 a.m. and crews were kept busy all day long working through both their lunch and supper hours, trying to restore power lost to numerous downed lines.



Williams

Joe and Tanaya Vickers Williams, 0 San Jose, CA. excited are tc announce the birth of their daughter. Kara Jean. She was born on February 21 and weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches. Proud grandparents are Collin and Valerie Allen, of Morley;



Kara Jean Williams

Don Vickers, of Ada; Richard and Kay Williams, of Texas; great-grandmas, Fern Jacoby, of Greenville and Helen Vickers, of Ada.



by Rev. Randy Meyers

Calvary Christian Reformed Church

We just completed Mission Emphasis week at church. For our Mission Emphasis week we had visiting preachers. I'd like to share a story from one visiting preacher. He was telling of a time that he preached to a large crowd of people in this foreign country. There were 15,000 people in this books or music or movies will sneak up on me and catch were gone, and half to be able to use it in a sermon someday stadium and about 3,000 people responded to his offer to me off guard. Too late, to go back I'm left with a spinning (never said I was good at fractions). So I concocted a plan come forward for prayer, encouragement, and follow up. Now this preacher had read stories of demon possession like those in Acts 19 but had not experienced them for himself. One day there was a young woman of 16 or 17 that was so strong that several strong adult men could not hold her down. She was screaming and carrying on and all of the sudden charged our preacher friend. He was so startled that he did not know quite what to do but had time to say, "In the name of Jesus, stop" and to his surprise she did. Like hitting a brick wall, she fell to the ground and was subdued.

followup that young lady needed. Partially because I can hardly believe my preacher friend. I mean, I believe Acts 19 stories happened and I believe my friend to be honest. But he has it on video for sceptics like me and for days when his

Young workers, Social Security and saving

If so, retirement is probably to spend 20, 30 or even the last thing on your mind. At any rate, there are some basics you may want to know about Social Security and savings to plan for your future retirement.

Social Security is the foundation for a secure retirement, but was never intended to be your only source of income when you retire. While Social Security replaces about 40 percent of the average worker's pre-retirement earnings, most financial advisors say that you will need 70 percent or more of pre-retirement earnings to live comfortably. Even with a pension, you will still need to save. If you will not survivor benefits in the have a private pension, you event that you are unable to will need to save more - and work, or you leave behind

Are you a young worker? young workers can expect more years in retirement, so saving is critical.

> Want to start planning your future now? There are some easy ways to do so. Take a look at your Social Security Statement, which you'll receive in the mail about two to three months before your birthday. Along with your annual Statement, workers between the ages of 25 and 35 will receive a helpful insert that provides information about Social Security, savings, and more items of interest to young workers.

Social Security coverage is not just for retirement. but also for disability and start saving sooner. Today's a family that depends on

we do not see this everyday in Lowell does not make it any less real. So I continued reading Acts 19 on my own.

encouragement of the Holy Spirit, many people who had get rid of it? I tried various suggestions until finally and practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned faintly I thought I heard a voice say to me, "She's trying them publicly. The value of these scrolls was calculated at to give it to you." Tentatively I offered and gratefully she 50,000 days worth of pay and at a hundred dollars a day that responded. would be five million dollars today!

words I suspected were inappropriate. Finally, I decided I would not listen to that song again, only to read an article listening and told how her life seems better now. about it that changed my mind and now I find both the lyrics and music acceptable. That's what I mean by bumpy.

However, there might be something to be said for burning books. It happened under St. Paul's watchful eye. And I that I am very thankful to have been given eyes to see and suppose I would quicker burn a book than follow Jesus' advice to gouge out my right eye or chop off my right hand. I cannot even imagine what kind of encouragement and Better to enter the kingdom of heaven with an incomplete library or music collection or having not seen the latest you regularly see, the books you read, and the music you movie, than being maimed, I guess.

the value of burning books. For some time she plugged her burn if necessary.

income when you your Read more about die. retirement, disability and survivors benefits at www. socialsecurity.gov.

Ilene Roth Scholarships

Lowell Educational Support Personnel Association (LESPA) has announced a new scholarship, the Ilene Roth LESPA Dependent Scholarship. Roth was a, Runciman/Bushnell Administrative

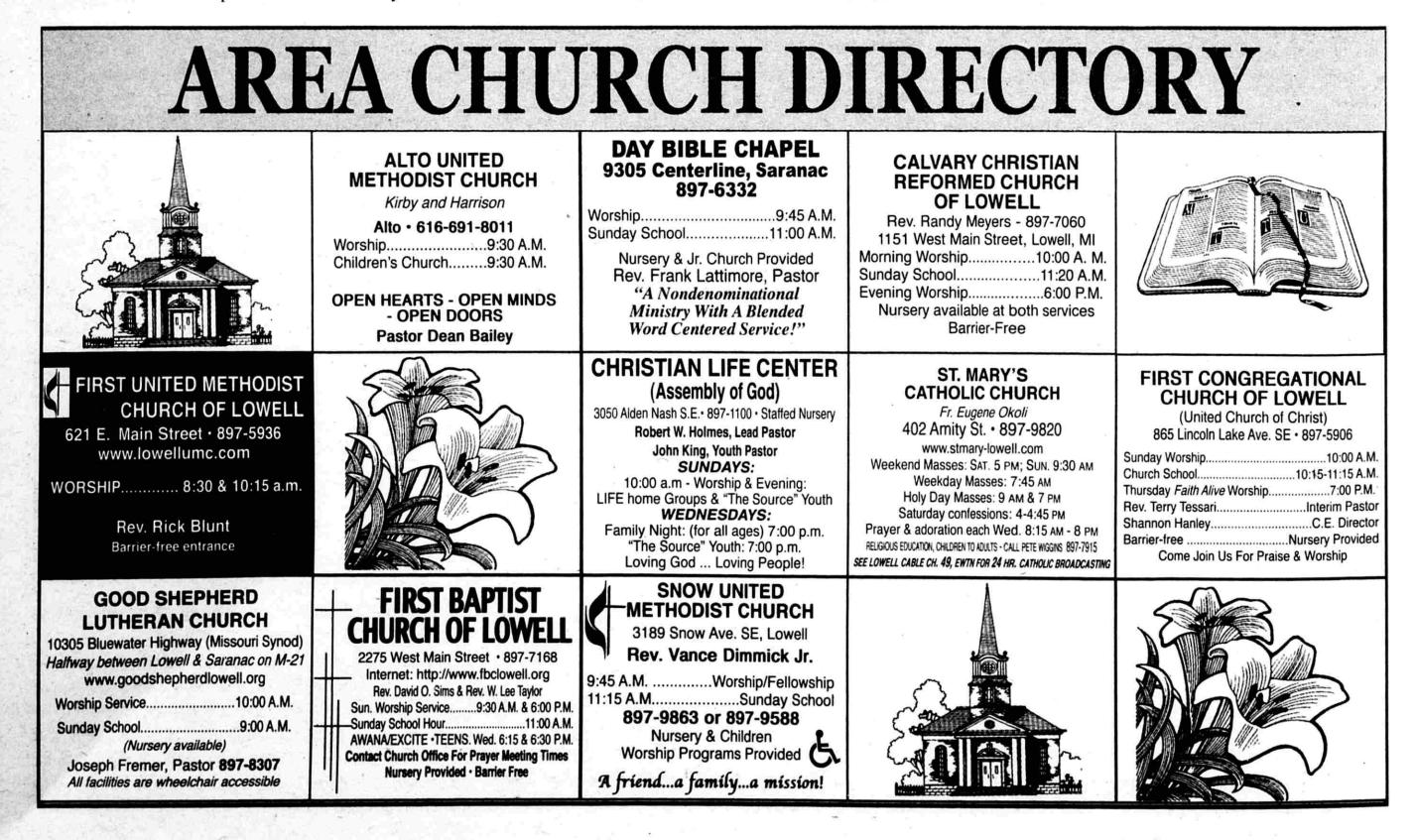
from us just one year ago by cancer. In honor of her dedication, many years of service, friendship, and beautiful spirit, the LESPA Association has started this scholarship. It will be given out annually, to deserving dependents of LESPA members. The number of scholarships and amounts given will be decided by the LESPA Board, and recipient(s) will be announced at Senior Honors Night on Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

Donations to this fund are accepted. Please make checks out to LESPA, and designate: Ilene Roth LESPA Dependent Scholarship. Send to: Bonnie Meiste, 606 Riverside Dr., Lowell, MI 49331 or Bonnie Meiste, c/o Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth St., Lowell, MI 49331.

own scepticism asks him if it really happened. Just because ears with music meant to drown out the melody of God singing over her. She wanted to hear that song with clarity. She needed my help. Her old music reminded her of her As a result of the faithful preaching of the gospel and the old life before she started following Jesus. How could she

I could not believe it. Now I was responsible for burning I'm not much for book burning or music burning, nor am I not just books, but music! For those days when I might in favor of much by way of cultural censorship. I prefer the doubt, I decided to video it, half to convince myself, half bumpier road of discernment. This means that sometimes to be able to search later for answers, half to show her they head or heart. I have even wrestled for years with the and destroyed the music. If you want to see how I did it, appropriateness of a particular song whose beat I liked but search on youtube "randontheweb music shoot." When I showed her the video she laughed. She said thanks for

It wasn't in front of a crowd nor was it a spectacular spiritual display of power, but I am convinced that a battle was won. Somehow I hear music more clearly, too, and for ears to hear. Completing a mission does not end the war any more than celebrating Mission Emphasis week signals the start of vacation. So I invite you to examine the images hear. Compare them to the images, words, and melody God Enter a parishioner and the Holy Spirit who taught me about would have for you. Use discernment wherever you go and



Vonda VanTil is the public affair. specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 50 College SE, Grand Rapids. MI 49503 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov.

Assistant and LESPA member of 18 years, who was taken

Lowell church celebrates completion of three new homes

11:15 a.m., the Calvary from the US Department guidelines of 40-80 percent A commemorative structure Christian Reformed Church of Housing and Urban of the area median income. in Lowell is hosting a Development. Additional blessing ceremony three houses built by a Calvary Church and St. partnership of the Inner Mary's Roman Catholic builder Wayne Scheeringa from St. Mary's church City Christian Federation Church of Lowell. Down (ICCF) and Calvary Church. The house construction was the homes affordable to to work on the project. The offer prayers for the families underwritten in large part by families whose income

On Sunday, May 3 at Kent County Home Funds fits within the designated to the Calvary Church site. for funds were provided by payment support will make



One of the homes built in partnersip with ICCF.

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To preserve the historic village north of Lowell for future generations to enjoy, we need the support of our friends local and far flung. We are looking for new members to enjoy our social events and assist with hosting our museums on weekends. Your tax deductible gift in any amount will be put to good use. Please write: Fallasburg Historical Society, 13944 Covered Bridge Road, Lowell, MI 49331. Membership, \$10; Villager, \$50; Bell Ringer, \$100.

Happy Birthday

APRIL 29: K.J. Vezino, Bryan Roth, Lucy Wade.

APRIL 30: Carmen Roudabush, Stacey Irwin, Shawn Dulin.

MAY 1: Dennis Anchors, Rick Roth, Mark Christiansen.

MAY 2:

Melinda D'Agostino, Tim

Mastenbrook, Madison

Briggs, Glen Bryant, Jaclyn

MAY 3: Wilma Roudabush, Melissa Merriman, Mimi Mitchell, Rich Bieri.

MAY 4: John Borton, David Rhodes, Jerre Sue Smith.

MAY 5: Scott Carpenter, Kevin Vezino, Vezino, Kerry Brenda Erickson, Robert Dalziel, Nora Bell Rash.

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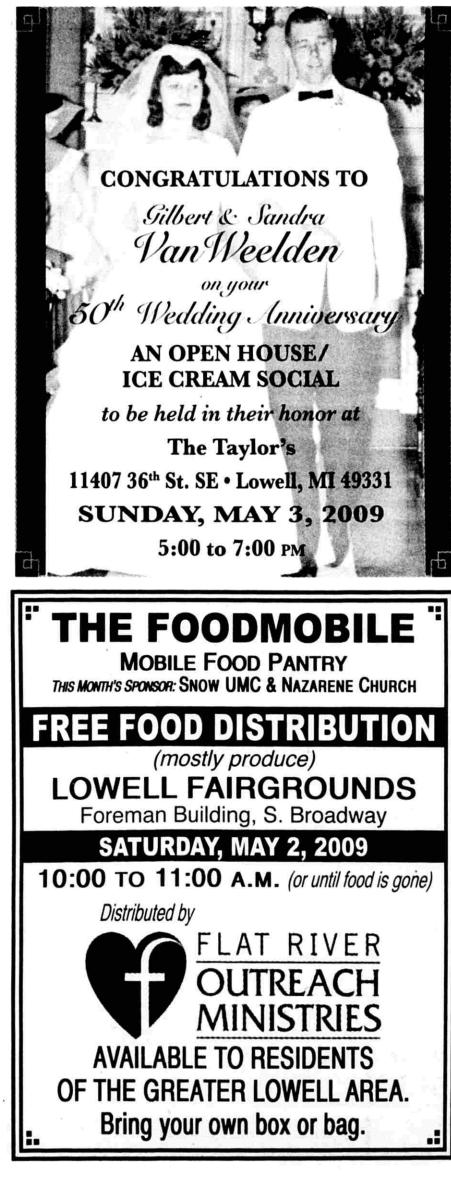
on May 2, wish her a

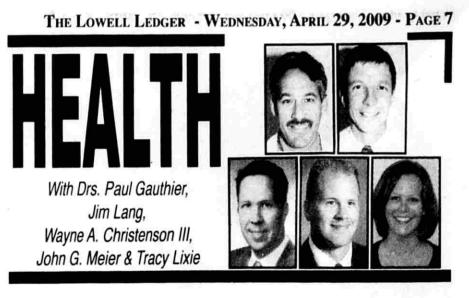
Happy 60th Birthday!

supervision for the volunteer Randy Meyers from Calvary labor, Calvary member and Church and Fr. Eugene was instrumental in setting will take leadership roles in upcontractors and volunteers the blessing ceremony and blessing will take place at who will soon occupy the the house located on 172 homes. The general public is West Street. All three homes invited to participate in the are close to the fair grounds celebration. Built Michigan standards, these attractive and efficient homes are available by direct sale through ICCF. Interested persons should contact Housing & Family Services at ICCF, 336-9333, extension 305.

The blessing ceremony celebrates the completion of work begun last fall. Church home site at 172 West Street are available through for a brief service, coffee Providence Home Mortgage, and donuts. Each member is Inc., a subsidiary of ICCF. encouraged to take a stone See www.iccf.org for more back from the site and return information.

and the Stony Lakeside ICCF is the oldest nonprofit Park on the river. Each affordable housing provider of the raised ranch style in the state of Michigan. homes has three bedrooms Active in the Grand and two and a half baths Rapids area since 1974, with an average of 1500 the agency serves more square feet. Constructed than 2500 families a year to Energy Star and Green through its programs and services. Program offerings include the Family Haven emergency shelter at 701 Prospect SE, Grand Rapids, 96 units of affordable rental housing, newly constructed homes for purchase, home and ownership education financial counseling. All services are provided in Spanish and English. members will walk to the variety of mortgage options





PREVENTATIVE HEALTHCARE

Many people visit the doctor's office when they are sick or have a chronic medical problem. Did you know hat it is just as important to visit the doctor's office when you are healthy? A visit to the doctor when you are healthy is a proactive approach to staying healthy as you age. A preventative service might be recommended to you based on your age, gender, risk factors, or family history. A preventative service might consist of a test, measurement, immunization, or advice.

Children should have regular Well-Child Exams (physicals) to monitor their growth and development. In general, young children should be seen for Well-Child Exams at 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18 and 24 months after birth. Older children should then be seen yearly. Immunizations are one of the most important preventative services offered in this age group. In addition to monitoring growth and development, advice may be given on topics such as diet, exercise, seatbelts, tobacco, and peer pressure.

Adult males should have regular Complete Physical Exams every three to five years until age 40, every two years in their 40's, and then yearly once they turn 50. Preventative services covered typically include blood pressure, weight, cholesterol and testicular cancer screening. Prostate cancer screening usually begins at age 40 and consists of a blood test, along with a rectal exam. Colon cancer screening begins at age 50 and typically consists of a colonoscopy every 10 years from then on.

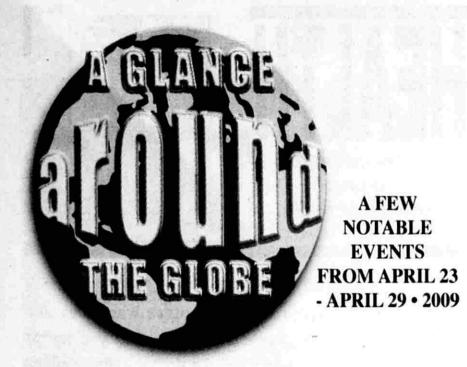
Adult females should have regular Complete Physical Exams every one to three years until age 40, every one to two years until age 50, and then yearly. Services typically covered include blood pressure, weight, cholesterol, and breast and cervical cancer screening. Pap smears are performed to screen for cervical cancer, and should be done yearly on all sexually active, unmarried females. Females who are sexually active, but in a long-term monogamous relationship (marriage), should have pap smears done every two to three years. Breast Cancer screening is typically accomplished with breast exams with each physical, along with a mammogram. Mammograms are typically recommended for women every two years in their 40's, and then yearly at age 50. Women should be screened for colon cancer at age 50, typically with a colonoscopy, and then every 10 years afterward.

There may be circumstances which place a person at higher risk for certain disease states. This may require them to start preventative screens at an earlier age, and to be screened more frequently. Lifestyle choices such as smoking and unprotected intercourse increase a person's risk for cancer. A family history of certain types of cancer may also increase a person's risk for cancer. If you have a family member with colon, prostate, breast, or ovarian cancer, you should start your preventative screens earlier.

Vendors' Expo MAR 20+ Committed Vendors Saturday, May 2nd 2000 10:00a.m ~ 2:00p.m. Free Admission Numerous Door Prizes & Raffle Items Bake Sale Church Fundraiser Friendship Country Chapel 10200 Grand River Ave., Lowell, MI 49331 Located 5 miles east of Alden Nash from Cascade Road

will be made from the While ICCF provided site stones in the future. Rev.





The United States advises against travel to Mexico as the swine flu spreads. American swine flu cases climb to 40 (the surge is due to students from the same high school in New York who were in Mexico, all coming down with it) with one case reported in Michigan. So far, in the U.S., the flu does not present with the severity that it has in Mexico.

- A Federal government exercise, Monday, involving low-flying planes created panic in New York City. Two fighter jets escorted a lowflying Boeing 747 over Manhattan.
- GM will shed 21,000 U.S. factory jobs. GM also announced the phasing out of Pontiac, Hummer, Saab, and Saturn. GM hopes to sell Saturn and Hummer.
- The UAW agrees to concessions with Chrysler
- Seven NASCAR fans are injured by debris at Talladega Speedway.
- The Detroit Lions drafted Matthew Stafford of Georgia with the number one pick.
- AWWII fighter plane was brought to the surface after 60 years at the bottom of Lake Michigan.

- at her home.
- draw well over 400,000 people.
- Central Mexico.

The Chinese use two brush strokes to write the word 'crisis.' One brush stroke stands for danger; the other for opportunity. In a crisis, be aware of the danger - but recognize the opportunity.



Bea Arthur, 86, famous for her TV roles in Maude and The Golden Girls, dies of cancer

 Music lovers mark 40 years of Jazz Fest in New Orleans, LA. The celebration expects to

· An earthquake registering 5.6 occurs in S.

John F. Kennedy (1917 - 1963)

LHS ecology class shares in DNR's success story

from Lowell Students School released High Chinook salmon into the Flat River on Thursday.

It marked the culmination of a unique Salmon in the Classroom (SIC) program.

The year-long handson project was supported by Trout Unlimited with cooperation Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Trout Unlimited donated \$1,000, used toward the purchase of a 55-gallon tank and chiller. The DNR supplied 200 eggs, of those, 34 survived until the release

"This has been a great opportunity to directly teach the qualitative parameters of a salmon's habitat as well as how nonnative species has succeeded in the Great Lakes," said Lowell High School Ecology teacher, Tammy Coleman.

SIC offers students the opportunity to obtain eggs in the fall, raise them in the classroom until spring and release them into their new home (the Flat River).

From the fall through April, students have monitored the tank, the oxygen level of the water, removed dead

eggs and replaced about one quarter of the water every other week.

Upon their release into the Flat River, the three-tofour inch salmon journey to the Great Lakes where they fatten up and then through their chemo receptors are able to return to the river to

Coleman notes that the process from the time of their release to their return is about three years.

"Some of the young men in this class may very well be fishing for them," Coleman said

Andy Milnes, president of Schram's West Michigan Trout Unlimited said Coleman is a past board member of the chapter and that he was thrilled she added SIC to her curriculum.

Nichole Allison, a student of Coleman's explained, "We have been monitoring the water chemistry and learning the habitat and life cycles of the salmon."

Ben Carslon added "I monitored the amount of oxygen and nitrates in our habitat, representing the larger scale habitat found in nearby rivers."



Lowell ecology students acclimate the Chinook salmon to the cooler water of the Grand River prior to their release.





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problem solving, creative thinking, and teamwork. An increasing number of studies also find that arts

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The Ford Payment Protection Program is available on all Ford, Lincoln and Mercury vehicles -Excluding E/F-450 and higher. New vehicles purchased from March 31, 2009 to June 1, 2009, are eligible for the Ford Payment Protection Program.

What Benefit does the Ford Protection Program offer?

It pays the monthly amount due on your vehicle purchase/lease up to a maximum monthly benefit of \$700, for a maximum of 12 benefit payments.

Benefit is paid directly to your financing source.

No cost to you.

It is important for you to continue to make your monthly financing payments on your account until you have received notification that your benefits have been approved in order to maintain your current account status.

What do I need to do to qualify for these benefits?

Purchase/lease an eligible new vehicle between March 31, 2009 - June 1 2009. Finance your new purchase/lease (cash and equity line vehicle purchases are not eligible; vehicle must be titled in the name of the individual).

Be the primary purchasers/lessee responsible for the financing of the vehicle.

Become involuntarily unemployed for at least 30 consecutive days.

Become involuntarily unemployed after the first 30-day exclusionary period immediately following the purchase/lease of your Ford vehicle, and before january 1, 2010.

Not have received notification of involuntary unemployment prior to your enrollment in the Ford Payment Protection Program (i.e. the date you purchased/leased your vehicle)

Have been working full time for 90 consecutive days, at least 30 hours per week, immediately before becoming involuntarily unemployed. This program does not cover part-time, seasonal, self-employed or persons employed by a family household member. However, if you subsequently become a full-time employee and later become involuntarily unemployed, you may qualify for benefits provided you meet the stated eligibility requirements.

Complete a benefit form and submit all required documentation within 90 days of the day you become involuntarily unemployed in order to be eligible for benefits.



itle and document fee. After rebates, customer must qualify for renewal rebate. ** All payments are 72 months @ 7% with approved credit after rebates plus tax, title and doc fee. Subject to prior sales. Not compatible with any other offer



Earth Day, continued ... From Page 1

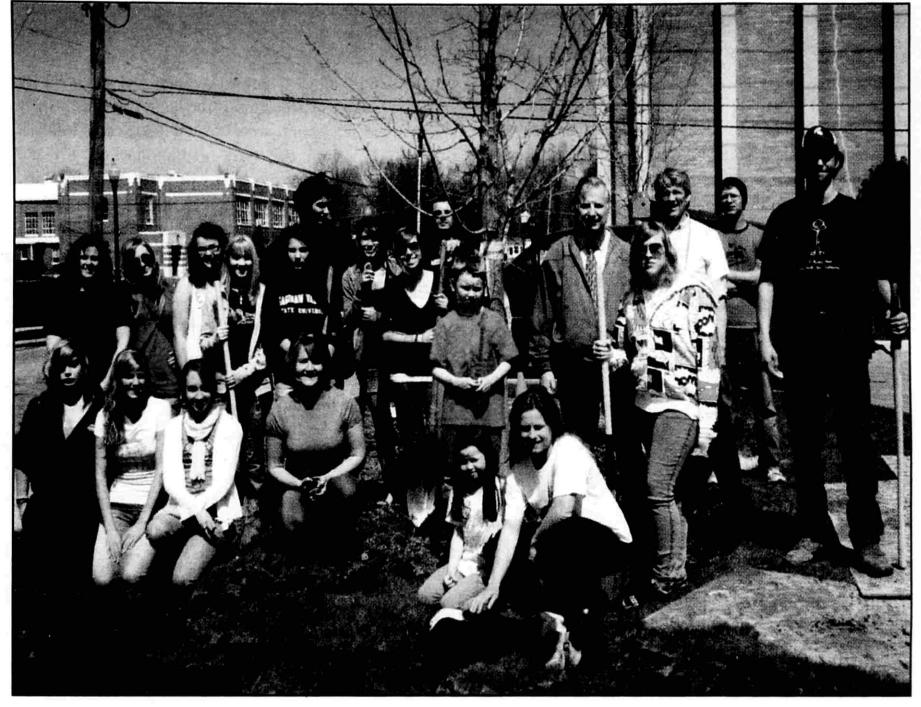
forest gardens. Founder of included Honey Creek with Arbor Board is looking winner was a white oak Michigan Wildlife Center its Water Fest and pancake Sjana Gordon was feeding a breakfast. baby squirrel.

Earth Day celebrating

In conjunction with all locations these activities, the Lowell 2008 winner. Last year's circumference.

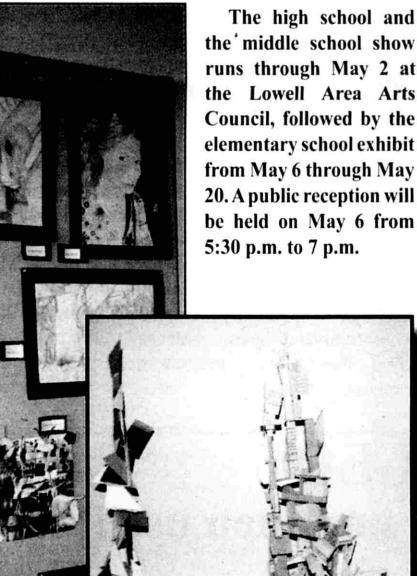


Sjana Gordon feeds a baby squirrel.



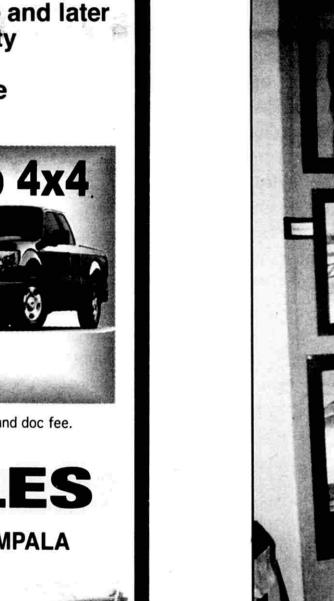
A green mountain sugar maple was planted behind the city hall to replace a tree that had to be taken down. Present were Arbor Board members, Unity School students and the LHS Environmental Club.

Exhibit features student artwork



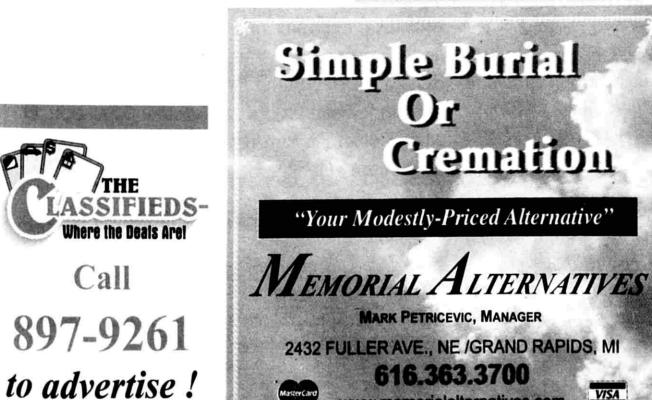
the middle school show runs through May 2 at the Lowell Area Arts Council, followed by the elementary school exhibit from May 6 through May 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

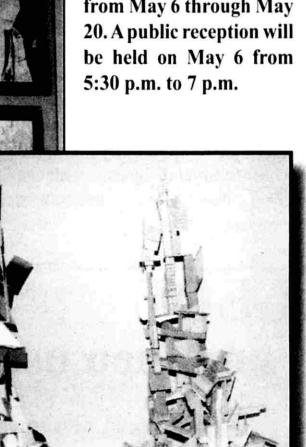
I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. - Thomas Jefferson



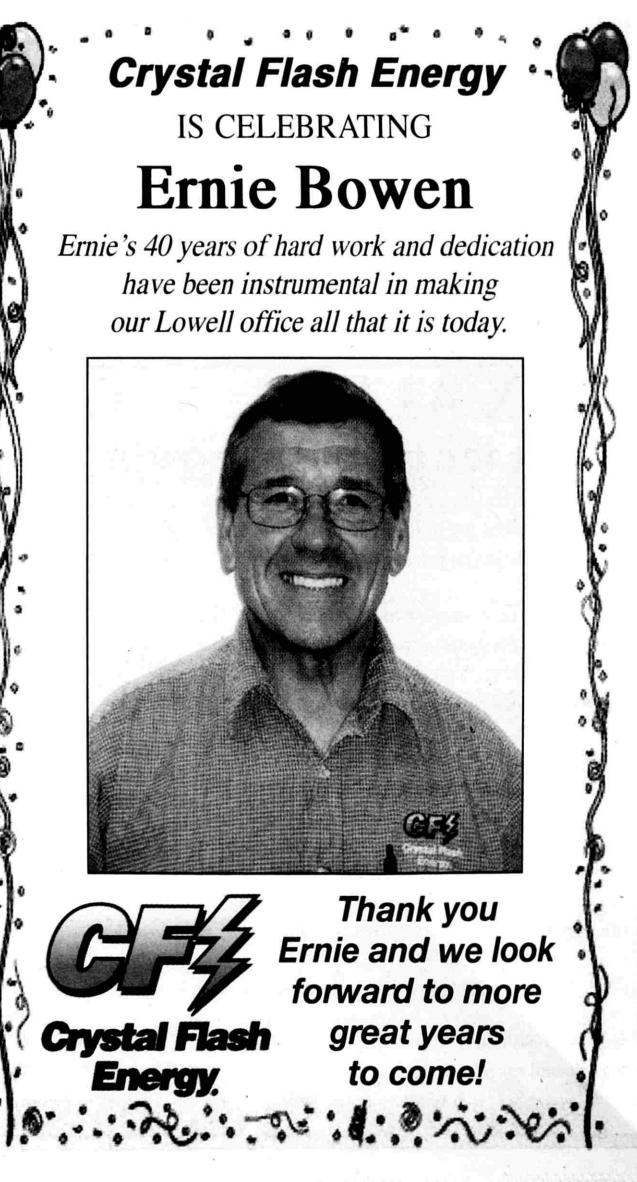


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A plaque will be Manor property that can be for a bigger tree than the that measured 180 inches in installed on the site of the viewed 24 hours a day. 2008 winner on Schneider



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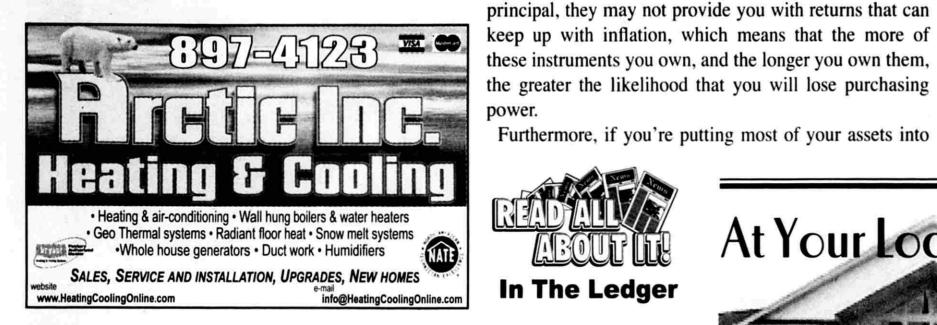
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Before we get to the possible pitfalls of hoarding cash, because people are looking, above all else, to preserve their let's consider your fellow Americans' recent savings habits:

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the broadest market indices designed to track the overall

performance of the US stock market - was 95.4 percent,

according to Ned Davis Research. (Keep in mind that the

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are talking about when (not about if) to try again you knew that what you were already paying was to raise your taxes permanently.

Two years ago they almost succeeded. The GRCC Trustees voted unanimously to propose a millage increase. Voters rejected it in the May 2007 election.

Then the Trustees, unanimously once again, voted to propose another millage increase. The re-do election, which in itself cost voters more than \$100,000, was scheduled on an odd date in August to try to catch voters off-guard. Voters rejected this millage increase proposal also, but only by 373 votes. That's too close for comfort.

Higher taxes contribute to job losses and bankruptcies. Send a Trustee to the Board who will help you and your neighbors guard your wallets and more.

GRCC has its eyes on your wallet! There they Maybe you wouldn't mind paying more taxes if being used responsibly. Is it? (More info at www.grcc-taxpayers.org/.)

> Celebration: March 30 - April 3 was celebrated with "uncensored sex talk" and a drag queen show as part of "Queer Equality Week."

- Diversity Lecture Series: This past December, yet another homosexual activist was hosted. He said that he had come to "evangelically" enlighten students concerning homosexuality and that those opposed to same-sex marriage were "evil." There have been no speakers presenting opposing views.

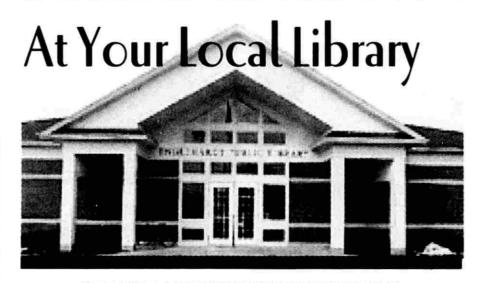
- Academic Freedom Policy: Rather than being used to ensure open discussion of controversial issues, this policy is used to ensure that students, even in required courses, are forced to watch films saturated with violence, drug use, profanity, nudity and sex acts.

since the third quarter of 2001, according to the U.S. cash, you're incurring "opportunity cost" - the chance to invest that money into vehicles that have the potential to Where? People are putting their money in what provide the growth you need to help achieve your longthey consider safe vehicles. At the end of 2008, the ratio term goals, such as an enjoyable retirement.

So here's the situation: On the one hand, you have a tough economy and a stock market that has probably already saddled you with losses. On the other hand, you need to consider investing in stocks or other growthoriented investments to help you reach your long-term goals. What's the solution? Balance. There's probably a direct investment.) This ratio is the highest it's been since place in your portfolio for short-term instruments whose chief benefit is helping to preserve your principal. But you may need to balance these holdings with investments that can potentially reward you with growth. The exact mix of assets depends on your risk tolerance, time horizon and principal. Consequently, as a nation, we are now sitting on individual goals.

In these days, you may need a leap of faith to invest However, the trip up this mountain does not come free. some of your cash. But history is on your side: Downturns While it's true that these vehicles may help preserve your have typically been followed by market rallies. Plus, we may eventually see cash seeking higher returns, and that should have a positive impact on the financial markets. It may feel comforting to have a lot of cash on hand. the greater the likelihood that you will lose purchasing But if you're planning for the years ahead, you should

consider putting some of that cash to work.



3-PART ALZHEIMER'S EDUCATION SERIES AT ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY

The Greater Michigan findings, and Chapter of the Alzheimer's for the future. Practical Association sponsoring an educational the best life possible for seminar seminars will be held at the also be shared. Englehardt Public Library, 200 N Monroe, Lowell.

This is an excellent "Understanding opportunity for anyone Alzheimer's Disease and helping someone affected Related Dementias" will by Alzheimer's disease be presented by Madelon or a related dementia. Krissoff, MD, Geriatric Information will be shared Internal Medicine about how to get a diagnosis, Memory recent developments in Specialist. treatment, latest research

planning will be strategies to promote series. The persons with dementia will The Thursday, May

21, 7 p.m. seminar,

GRCC is being used for the promotion of reckless agendas that are unsafe for students and the community. Put your taxes to better use. Send a Trustee to the Board to help steer GRCC back to its vital task of responsible education. On May 5 elect Richard Ryskamp for Grand Rapids Community College Board of Trustees.

For more info, visit www.ryskampforgrcc.org

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The Thursday, May 28, 7 p.m. seminar, "Legal and Financial Issues" will be presented by David G. Ledbetter, Elder Law Attorney.

The Thursday, June 4, 7 p.m. seminar, "Strategies for Navigating the Dementia Journey" will be presented by Christiana Getz, Program Coordinator of the

and Disorders

Alzheimer's Association. The series is provided with financial support from Older Americans Act National Family Caregiving Funds administered by the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, Inc. A donation of \$10 per person (or family) is suggested to assist in covering costs. To register or for more information, please call the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900 or 616-459-



- GRCC's Actors' Theatre says it seeks to "change" our community, and that it specializes in plays that cause "discomfort." Example: Corpus Christi, portraying Jesus Christ as a promiscuous "King of the Queers," In December they presented the play The Wild Party, a "seductive musical" about a couple "attracted to sleaze and kink."



BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

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* Indicates a home game at Cherry Creek baseball field Games begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated 4/30 at Greenville* 5/4 at 4 p.m. Caledonia (doubleheader)* 5/5 Creston (doubleheader)* 5/7 at Creston 5/12 at G.R. Christian (doubleheader) 5/14 G.R. Christian* 5/16 at 10 a.m. at Hudsonville Tournament

5/18 at 4 p.m. East Grand Rapids (doubleheader)* 5/20 at 4 p.m. at East Grand Rapids 5/26 (or 5/29 or 5/30) time & place TBA Districts

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

* Indicates a home game at Cherry Creek softball field Games begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated 4/30 G.R. Christian* 5/4 at 4 p.m. Caledonia (doubleheader)* 5/5 Creston (doubleheader)* 5/7 Northview* 5/11 at 4 p.m. Hudsonville (doubleheader)* 5/12 G.R. Christian 5/14 at Greenville 5/15 at 4 p.m. Forest Hills Central* 5/18 at 4 p.m. East Grand Rapids (doubleheader)* 5/20 at Creston 5/21 at 4 p.m. Mandy Tichelaar Tournament* 5/26 (or 5/29 or 5/30) time & place TBA Districts

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5/2 time TBA WyHi Regatta at Wyndotte 5/9 time TBA EGR Mini-Regatta at Reeds Lake 5/16 time TBA SRA State Rowing Champ. at Milford

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

* Indicates a home game at LHS Tennis Courts Games begin at 4 p.m. unless indicated. 5/2 at 9 a.m. Northview Invitational 5/4 East Grand Rapids* 5/6 at Jenison 5/9 at 9 a.m. Conference* 5/12 at NorthPointe Christian 5/13 Lakewood*

For More Information on School Athletics or for Directions to Area Schools visit: www.lowell.k12.mi.us **Under Athletics.**

Indicates a home game at Burch Field. Games begin at 7 p.m. unless indicated 4/30 Zeeland* 5/5 time TBA at Northview 5/8 Catholic Central (at Red Arrow Stadium) 5/12 Grand Haven 5/14 time & place TBA Start of Regionals

5/14 at 7:30 p.m. at Holland Christian

* Indicates a home game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium Meets begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated.

4/16 at Northview 4/18 at 10 a.m. Hastings Relays 4/21 Greenville 4/23 Creston* 4/28 at G.R. Christian 4/30 East Grand Rapids* 5/2 at 8:30 a.m. Kathy Talus Memorial Invitational 5/5 Forest Hills Central 5/7 & 5/8 time TBA Conference at GR Christian 5/15 (or 5/16) time TBA Regionals at Caledonia

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BOYS VARSITY GOLF

* Indicates a home meet at Deer Run Golf Course. All meets begin at 3:30 p.m. unless indicated. 4/29 at G.R. Christian 5/6 at Northview 5/7 at Kenowa Hills 5/11 East Grand Rapids* 5/13 at East Grand Rapids 5/14 Caledonia*

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GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

* Indicates a home game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium. Games begin at 6:45 p.m. unless indicated. 4/29 East Grand Rapids* 5/4 at 5:45 p.m. at Union 5/6 Northview* 5/11 at Greenville 5/13 at 5:45 p.m. at Creston 5/15 Cedar Springs* 5/18 G.R. Christian* 5/20 at 4 p.m. East Grand Rapids 5/26 time TBA Start or Districts at Port. N.

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BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY TRACK



Lacrosse team answers the call **against Holland Christian**

by Thad Kraus

Lowell's lacrosse team early and answered any potential uprisings late in its 8-5 win over Holland Christian.

Arrow coach Eric Bredin. lead into the final quarter of "Our midfielders controlled play. controlled the proceedings the transition game, ground balls, clearing and the riding job on face-offs and Alec aspects of the game."

advantage after one quarter "It's as good a game as and led 5-2 after two. The we've played," said Red Red Arrows then took a 7-3

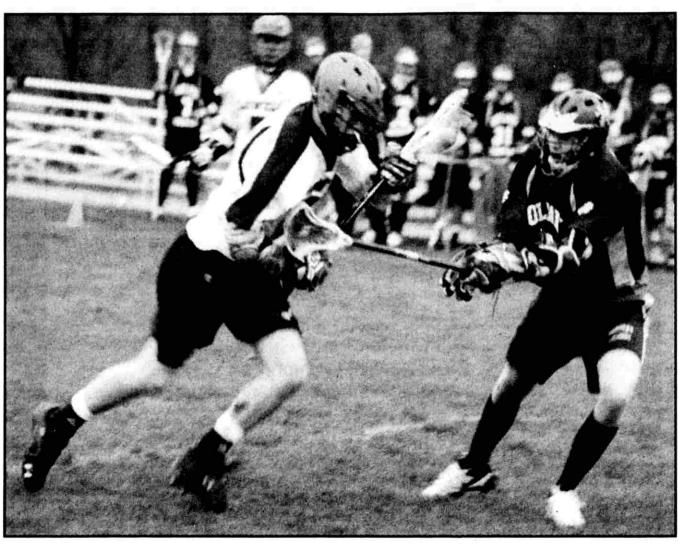
"Eric Petersen did a great Downing and Isaac Tawney Lowell jumped out to a 3-1 also provided pivotal play the midfield position. at Tawney finished the game with three assists.

Bredin, while pleased with the way his club controlled the game from the outset, was most impressed with his clubs maturity in dealing with any signs of a Holland Christian run.

"Any time it looked like Holland Christian might make a run, we answered," Bredin explained. "We also got good work from our man-up team. Christian had some early penalties."

Another key statistic in Lowell's win was its five assists. Joel Morgan led Lowell

in goals with three while



The Red Arrow lacrosse team fought through the wet and cold dealing out an 8-5 defeat to Holland Christian.

Abe McIntire and Jimmv McCormick each netted two goals and Kolin Morgan tallied one.

Catholic Central 12 Lowell 5

As well as Lowell played against Holland Christian. its play against the Cougars paled in comparison. 'We did everything wrong been a vast improvement in

against Catholic Central," Bredin said. "The boys were complacent after a few wins in a row. They just weren't mentally ready to play and that's my fault.'

Lowell finished the week at 5-4 overall and 2-4 in conference play.

"From the start of the season until now there has

Lowell golfers fall short in link play

The game of golf is difficult enough to play from the vantage point of experience. Its difficulty shoots through the roof with inexperience.

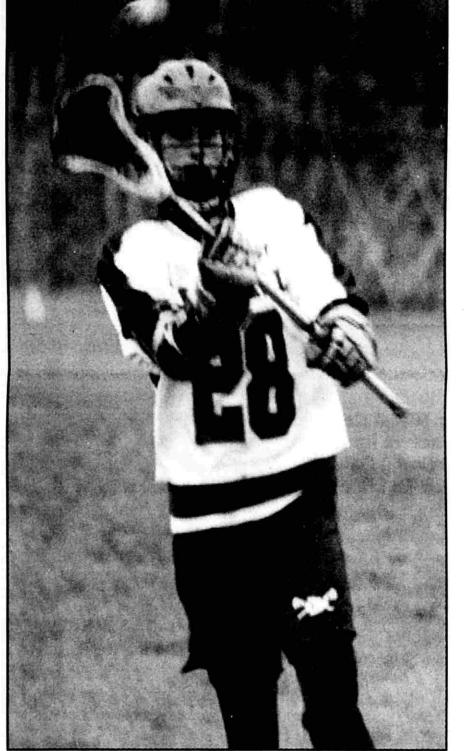
"We're getting better, but we're struggling," said Lowell golf coach Gary

out there with only one-two years of experience."

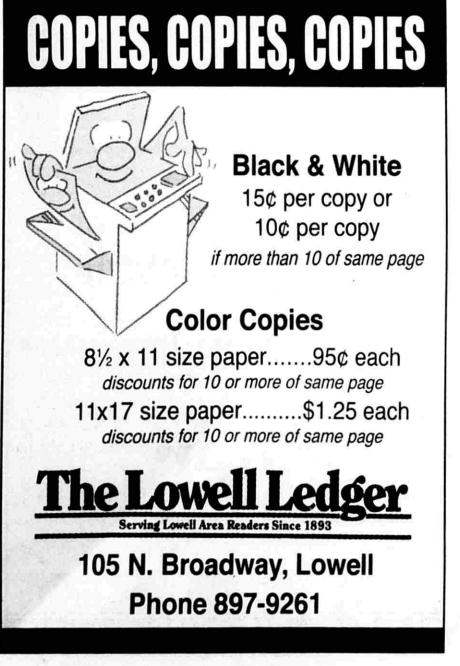
In a triangular match at Deer Run, the Red Arrows lost to league foes Greenville and Northview. Northview won the match

with a team score of 173. Fredline. "We have guys Greenville carded a 177 and

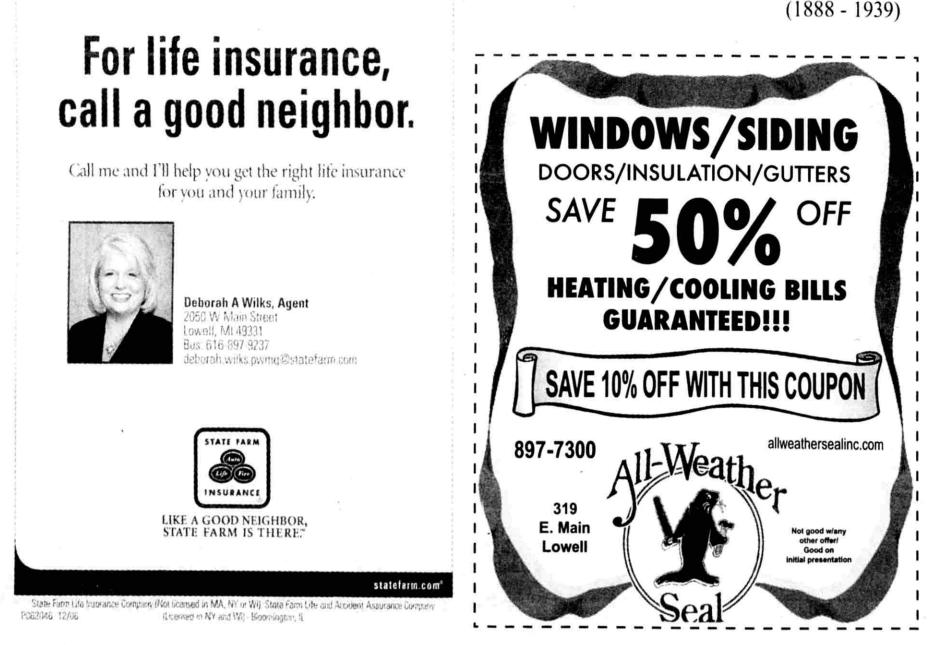
Lowell finished with a 189. Yellow Jackets, Lowell finished with a round of 183. Keith Neubecker led the way with a round of 44. Greenville finished with a Zack Fizer was three shots winning total of 164. back at 47 and Tom Alberts Ford and Neubecker led all and Mark Ford came off the Red Arrows with 44s. Fizer and Alberts came home in course with rounds of 49. 47 and 48 respectively. In its dual match at Glenkerry against the



Jon Woods passes the ball in the Holland Christian defensive end during first-quarter play.



Sports do not build character. They reveal it.



our play," Bredin said.

opportunity to avenge one of its losses this week when it plays Caledonia, a team it lost (9-5) to earlier in the Abe McIntire and Joel

Lowell will have an

Morgan led all Lowell scorers with two goals and Bobby Nichols contributed with one.



- Heywood Broun (1888 - 1939)

Plenty of pitching and hitting leads Lowell to sweep over Northview

SPORTS

Red Arrow

by Thad Kraus

In its first league series of the season, Lowell's baseball team swept Northview.

On Friday at home, in the third game of the series the Red Arrows earned a 5-1 victory.

"It was a big win. Northview played us tough. They saved their ace for this third game," said Lowell coach Juston Miller.

Wildcat The ace did not have an answer for Lowell's Torsten Boss. The senior threw a complete game, allowing one run on four hits while walking two and striking out seven Northview batters.

challenged "Torsten hitters and he didn't tire in his first full outing," Miller explained.

Boss also went 2-for-3 at the plate and scored a run. The game was scoreless going into the fourth inning, when Lowell's Tim Hettinga hit a two-out, tworun double to put Lowell on top

Zach Stephens also had a double and two RBI.

In the opening two games at Northview, Lowell won

both ends of a doubleheader 8-1 and 7-1. One constant throughout

the three games was Lowell's pitching.

"We're challenging our pitchers to work in positive pitching counts," Miller explained. "Giving up only one run in each of the three games increases your chances for success.

In game one of the doubleheader, Zach

Stephens improved his record to 2-1. The Red Arrow allowed one run on five hits.

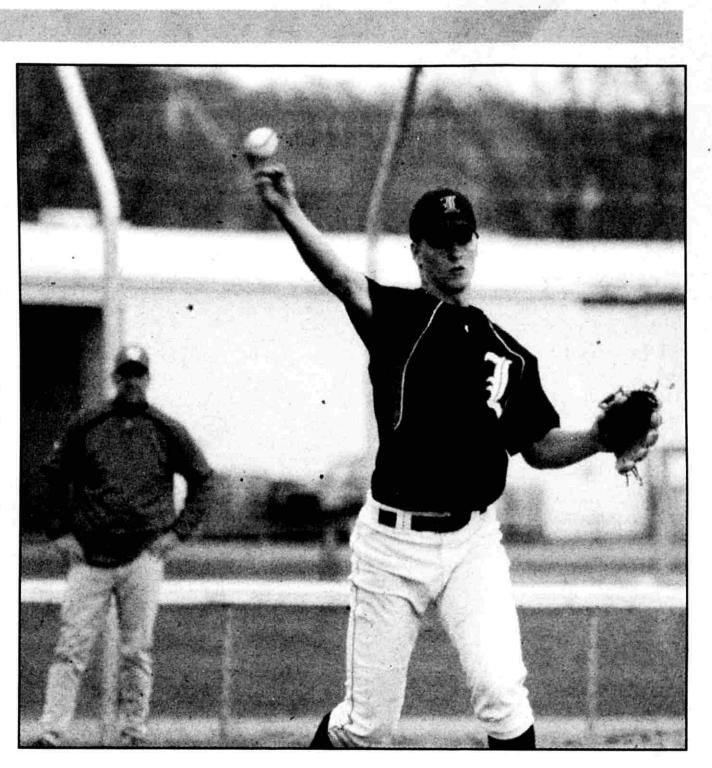
At the plate, Josh Drake provided all the firepower that was needed. The Red Arrow went 2-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored.

Lowell tallied four runs in the second inning, two in the fifth and two more in the sixth.

In game two, Lowell banged out 12 hits against Northview pitching and scored seven runs.

Drake again was big at the plate. He went 4-for-4 with three singles and a double and plated three runs. His batting average sits over

"Josh has been phenominal at the plate. He has had an



wins over Northview. extra base hit in every game a walk and one RBI

this year," Miller said. Boss was also perfect at the plate. He was 3-for-3 with two doubles, a single,

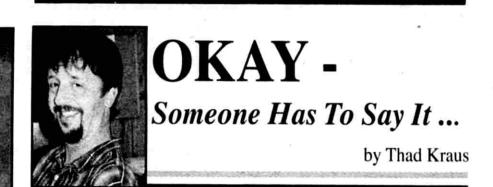
Nick Trasky, shortstop, fields and throws to first in action against Northview.



Torsten Boss did it on the mound and at the plate in Lowell's three

On the mound, Josh Drake allowed one run on six hits. Lowell scored a run in

the first inning, three in the third, one in the fifth and added two more in the seventh inning.



In game four between the Pistons and the Cavaliers, at the Palace, fans were chanting MVP, MVP, MVP. No, it wasn't for Alan Iverson!

The chants from the crowd were for Cleveland's LeBron James.

This stirred the ire of some. Not the chants but the fact the Palace had many more Cleveland fans than Detroit fans.

Why was this? Because the Pistons, a sub .500 team, had no business being in the playoffs?

Detroit had no chance of beating Cleveland?

No, to all the above. The Detroit organization made a business choice prior to game four. Knowing that Piston fans were not going to pay top dollar to come out and watch a bad team get its head handed to it. The Piston organization e-mailed playoff ticket opportunities to Cavalier season ticket holders.

Makes sense. Cleveland, the home of the hapless Browns and the underachieving Indians, has a basketball team that's home to the best basketball player in the NBA and is pretty good money to win the NBA championship in 2009.

So, instead of the Pistons being booted out of the playoffs in front of empty seats, Detroit sold tickets for those empty seats to a wanting Cleveland fan base.

From a business standpoint it smelled of genius.

From a public relations standpoint it ruffled a few feath-

What is that again? Money talks, people walk. In this case Cleveland fans walked right on in, turning the Palace into their place.

Detroit, long ago, walked away from a bad team. The Detroit organization walked away from the embarrassment of empty seats and into the bank with a money bag delivered the next day from Cleveland.





Robinson runs strong but Lowell falls to Creston

by Thad Kraus

Zach Robinson looks to be running with a purpose. And Lowell boys' track coach Russ Stevens likes what he sees.

"Zach is doing a real nice job for us in the distances events," Stevens said. "His times are going to get better."

Robinson won the 1600meter run in a time of 4:58.2. The junior also posted the winning time in the 3200, stopping the clock at 10:50.

Lowell won five events in its 78-46 loss to Creston.

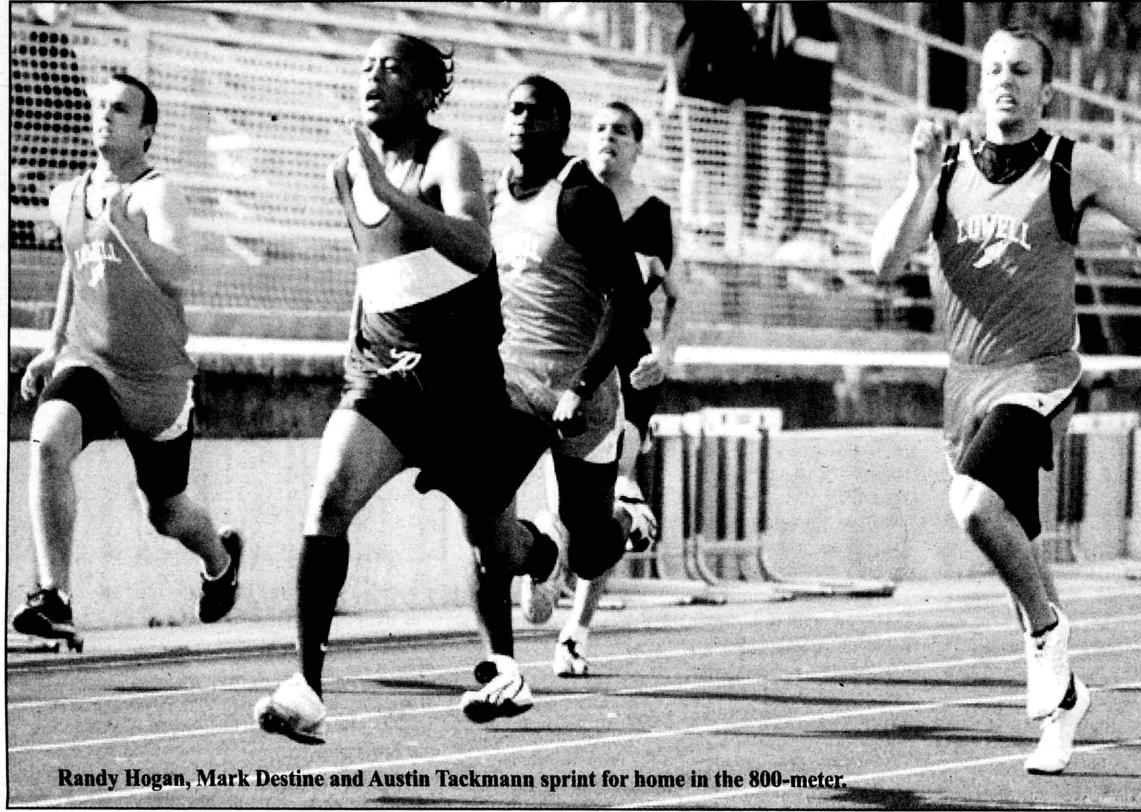
Freshman Matt Kyllonen continued to impress in the 400 against Creston. Kyllonen, finished first with a time of 54.6.

Kyllonen also ran the third leg in the Red Arrows' winning 800-meter relay.

Kyllonen, Austin Tackmann, Austin Graham and Chris Eckman came home in 1:34.3.

In the 400-meter relay, it was Tackmann, Graham, Drew Culross and Marc Destine handing in the winning time of 45 seconds.

Sophomore Robert Becker put forth a solid



performance in the high course in 19.6 seconds, good for second place.

Tackmann placed second in second place finish. hurdles as he cleared the the 200 with a time of 24.4. Randy Hogan's 35' 6.5" in the shot put earned him a second.

Brent Cone's 5-6 in the high jump placed him

Missed opportunities haunt Lowell against Fruitport - G.R.C.

by Thad Kraus

Following its 2-1 loss to Grand Rapids Christian Monday night, Lowell's league situation had been reshaped but is oh so clear.

A late second half goal helped the Eagles skate

past the Red Arrows 2-1. The Lowell loss also drew Grand Rapids Christian even in the O-K White with the Red Arrows at 3-1.

Both teams trail East Grand Rapids who sits atop the conference at 4-0.

"With the game tied at 1-1 we had a point blank opportunity in front of their net and couldn't put it away," said Lowell girls' soccer coach Paul Legge. "We have to start getting results."

The next opportunity will come Wednesday the 29th at Red Arrow Stadium when Lowell hosts the Pioneers. "The girls know the situation. We win and we're

all even in the conference."

That's right! A win Lowell would create a three-way tie between the Pioneers, Eagles and the Red Arrows.

Lowell's only goal against Christian came 20 minutes



Lauren Ferguson (with ball) and her Red Arrow teammates dominated Creston in league action on Wednesday.

Earning third-place finishes discus, 83-7; Tackmann. for Lowell were Culross, 100 dash, 12.0; and Tom long jump, 17-6 1/2; Becker, Mark, 3200 run, 11:45.

Fitzpatrick with an assist from Lauren Ferguson. Fitzpatrick is back playing again after sitting out with an ankle sprain.

foot of freshman Caitlin

"This team does what many teams are unable to and that's they always put themselves in a position to win," Legge said.

Lowell 0, Fruitport 0

In a well played defensive game, neither Lowell nor Fruitport could find the net.

"Our defense did well in back and we did a great job of preventing opportunities," Lowell soccer coach Paul Legge said.

Offensively, the theme was the same though, the Red Arrows were unable to finish.

"We had golden a opportunity late but were unable to put the ball in the net," Legge explained.

Earlier in the week Lowell shut out Creston 13-0. The game was called after a half of play.

Frisbee's first hit flies yards in Lowell's win over East

by Thad Kraus

Seven games into the season, Leigha Frisbee was still in search of her first

varsity hit. That all changed Lowell's 13-run second inning at East Grand Rapids.

"It's been along time since I've witnessed an inning like that," said Lowell softball coach Bob and the ball had to land 15 Rodenhouse.

SPORTS

Red Arrow

Frisbee's hitless streak explained. at the varsity level also changed oh so dramatically Pioneers also ended Lowell's in that inning. The Red Arrow's first hit the Red Arrows pounded out

landed 215 feet straight away center field for a two-

run home run.

Red Arrow girls' track team eases past Creston

game.

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16:17.

Lewis, Jackson).

by Thad Kraus

Lowell girls' track coach Robin Briggs had one eye on her Red Arrows' performance against Creston and an even more intent look with her other eye on East Grand Rapids and the Grand Rapids Christian meet.

"Our next two meets are at Christian and then at home against East," Briggs

explained. The early look has given

Briggs a need for concern. "East and Christian both looked really good," Briggs said.

The Red Arrows took care of business against an undermanned Polar Bear squad as Lowell waltzed to a 111-24 victory.

The meet enabled Briggs to switch up the list of names in a number of the events without concern for score.

A prime example was Richelle Kimble was pulled from pole vault, yet Lowell took first (Kelsey Teft 8-0) and second (Jillian O'Haire 8-0).

Kimble earned a first in the 300 hurdles (53.9); a second in the 110 hurdles long jump with a mark of 14-10.

Teft finished first in the 110 hurdles in a time of had a leg in the 400-meter relay.

Haleigh Timmers anchored the distance runs as she won league record to 2-0. both the 1600 and 3200. The Red Arrow stopped the clock in the 1600 in a time of 5:59.6 and came off the track in 13:21 in the 3200.

Lowell had similar success in the 1600- and 3200-meter relays.

In the 1600 it was Crystal Vosburg, Kallie Holzhueter, Katie Jousma and Kendall Hewitt stopping the clock in 4:24.7.

Hewitt, Holzhueter, Taylor 11 Marchido and Lauren Trasky had the winning honors with a time of 10:57. and Hewitt (1:06.2)

Holzhueter (2:27) also 10:57 (Hewitt, Holzhueter,

earned a win in the 400 and 800 runs.

"The fence is 200 feet out

feet past that," Rodenhouse

The game against the

seven-game losing streak as

"We finally hit the ball.

an 18-2 win.

Miah Jackson won the long (18.0); and a second in the jump in a distance of 14-10 1/4.

"We continued to make big strides in the field events." Briggs said. "Tawney 17.8. The Red Arrow also (Marin) and Everitt (Nicole) both exceeded their best throws in the shot put."

LOWELL GIRLS TRACK

Lowell 111

Creston 24

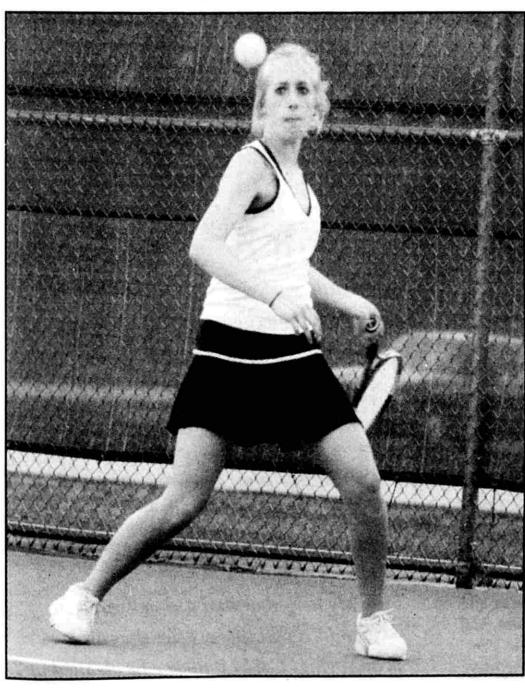
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- LONG JUMP 1. Jackson
- 14-10 1/4.
- 2. Kimble 14-10. SHOT PUT - 1. Everitt 26-

DISCUS - 1. 2. Richardson 76 1/2; 3. Tawney 70 1/2. POLE VAULT - 1. Teft 8-0;

2. O'Haire 8-0. 3200 RELAY - 1. Lowell

Lowell girls hit way to three tourney tennis titles



by Thad Kraus

- What was supposed to be the strength of this year's girls' tennis team was at the Caledonia Invitational on Friday.
- "The girls played well," said Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall.
- Lowell finished second with 14 points behind Catholic Central's 19. Caledonia was third with 13 points and Coopersville tallied two points.
- Three of Lowell's four singles players won their an outclassed Creston club. flight championships.
- Kelly Trapp, first singles, breezed to a 6-0, 6-0 title.

Lauren Heemstra playing in a difficult third slot it is hard to handle balls that are not hit as well and that for Lowell avenged a previous loss at the Lowell Invitational with a 6-4, 6-4 win against Catholic moving and use their strengths." Central. Creston defaulted three matches and won just one game. "Lauren played a determined match in the finals,"

Wall said. "She's making big strides."

In fourth singles play, Megan Willemstein, battled the elements and foe in posting a 6-2, 7-5 victory.

and focus and most importantly kept the ball in at first singles. play," Wall explained.

Taylor Mankel made quick work of her Creston opponent with a 6-0, 6-0 victory.

Loughlin 6:53. The win improved Lowell's 400 RELAY - 2. Lowell Jackson).

Every ball seemed to be a shot," Rodenhouse said. offense, Lowell also executed in the field. The Red Arrows did not commit an error. It is the first time this year Lowell did not

Lowell scored runs in the first with the aid of a two Along with a resuscitated run double off the bat of Jenna Smith.

> Lowell also added two runs in the third of a mercyshortened game.

Frisbee, Bailey Allen, commit an error during a Brianna Richardson and Beth Wyckoff all recorded two hits apiece in Lowell's 13-hit attack.

Allen pitched and got the win. Morgan Groom pitched the final inning in

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Crystal Vosburg had the front leg in Lowell's 800-meter relay.

The Red Arrows' third doubles team of Morgan Rogalke and June Ramsay battled back from deficits in the two games leading up to the title match before falling to Catholic Central 6-4, 6-4.

"A week ago they lost to the same team 6-2, 6-1," Wall said. "They played well and keep getting better and better.'

Lowell 8, Creston 0

In its only league match of the week, Lowell dominated

"When you're playing competition that is just beginning to learn the game, it is hard to tell how well you're playing." Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall explained. "Sometimes is when a player needs to remain focused, keep their feet

Kelly Trapp won 6-0, 6-0 at first singles; Taylor Mankel won 6-1, 6-0 at second singles; and Lauren Heemstra was a 6-0, 6-0 winner at third singles.

In doubles play, Kelsey Wittenbach and Rachel Wallendzik won 6-0, 6-0 in a second doubles match while "Megan battled the wind, but kept her composure Erin Brechbiel and Caitlin Baker also earned a 6-0, 6-0 win

Participan .



2ND BEST SALE

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy. Thurs., April 30, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Fri., May 1, 8 a.m. - noon will be our \$2 a bag day.

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Starts April 30 & May 1 & 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Furniture, boys 12 mo. to 2T, kids clothes, womens, girls 12 inch bike, toys and lots more. 10808 Sconcewood

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1218 Lincoln Lake Ave. N. (mile N. of Fallasburg Park) May 1 & 2, 9 to ? (rain or shine) 4X4 Quad w/plow, foosball table, 1981 Camaro, clothes, books, bikes, craft supplies, collectible tins & more! Too many items to mention.

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Toys, boy clothes 0-3T, girls 0-teen, adult - all sizes (lots of name brand), strollers, toddler bed, household, office cubicles, display booth, furniture & lots more! We are cleaning out the barn & basement! 8901 Centerline Rd., Saranac, 1/4 mile N&E of M-21 & Pinckney. Thurs. & Fri., April 30 & May 1, 8-6 p.m. & Sat., May 2, 9-3 p.m.

EASTGATE SALE

Fri. & Sat., 5/1 & 5/2, 9 a.m. - ? Twin baby boys clothes & toddler boys clothes. toys, almost new deluxe twin bed, water cooler, household items including furniture, too much to list. 11041 Woodbushe, Lowell,

991 S. MARBLE

between Sayles & Potters. May 1 & 2, 9-4. Outdoor playground, baby gear & clothes, gardening, supplies, cash register, fax, BBQ & more,

GARAGE SALE

April 30, May 1 & 2, 9-5 p.m. Boys size 5 - 18, girls size 7-12, baby clothes, swing, compound bow, Ruud central air conditioner, \$500. 1740 Faith Dr., Lowell,

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GARAGE SALE

800 & 820 Rolling Creek Ct., off Grindle. May 1 & 2, Fri., 8-6 p.m. & Sat., 9-2 p.m. Children's clothes & toys, furniture & much, much more.

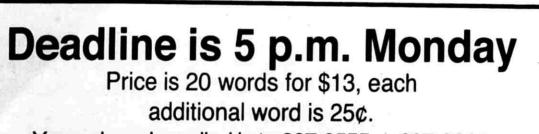
THE VINTAGE STUDIO SALE

Antiques, hand-made cottage pillows, lavender sachets, glassware, vintage linens, furniture & many other handmade items. 3480 Buttrick SE, Ada. April 30, May 1 & 2, 9-4 p.m.

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Fri. & Sat., May 1 & 2, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. 11268 & 11269 Barnsley. Tons of kids clothes, toys & other misc. items.

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Fri. & Sat., May 1 & 2, 2 mi. N. on Lincoln Lake to Burroughs to 164 Foleys Grade. 9-5 & 9-12. Clothes (kid - adult), misc. household, Xmas decorations, tools, ham mer drill, impact drill, creeper.

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GARAGE SALE May 1 & 2, 8 to ? Jewelry, bells, bunny rabbits, glassware, clothes & a little of this and a lot of that, 1631 Stonewood, in Eastgate off Woodbushe.

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Fri., all day & Sat., close at noon. Honda generator, \$350, utility trailer, 7x4, w/drop tailgate, wired for lights, \$500. 10780 Woodbushe. 897-0858.

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April 30 & May 1, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Corner of Bowes & S. West. Boys clothes infant - 5T. Boys shoes, jackets, toys, train table set, double stroller, puzzles, books, movies, toddler bed/mattress, exercise equip. entertainment center, Nintendo DS, Xbox, baby items, maternity clothes, some household too.

Items priced to sell!

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Stone Ridge Apartments, West of Meijer, Lowell. Sat., May 2, 9 to ?

COMMUNITY YARD SALE Birchwood Garden Apartments, 765 Hunt Street, Sat., May 2.

Convenient card to benefit Michigan's security, economy

Michigan residents began director of Michigan United easy for those who already applying for the state's new Conservation Clubs. "We have a current driver's licenenhanced driver's license congratulate Secretary Land (EDL) April 21, Secretary and legislative supporters for of State Terri Lynn Land has providing this innovative so- Security number and U.S. announced.

The optional card is convenient, affordable and the most flexible option for travelers to meet tougher federal document requirements that proval for enhanced licenses go into effect at America's land and sea borders on June 1, Land said at a press conference in Detroit.

The dual-purpose EDL, in February 2008. The state which serves as a driver's received federal approval to license and border-crossing card, will benefit Michigan's economy as well as its security, she noted.

"The enhanced driver's To apply, residents may visit license promotes the smooth any Secretary of State SUflow of trade and tourism be- PER! Center or other select tween our state and Canada and aids law enforcement in cation process is relatively its efforts to make our borders more secure," Land said.

Enhanced driver's licenses are equipped with the latest technology to speed up border crossings and deter fraud. They cost \$45 and enhanced state identification cards are \$30. Applicants will receive them in two to three weeks.

The EDL eliminates the need to carry multiple ID documents when returning to the U.S. by land or sea from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda or the Caribbean, Land said. It is ideal for those who may be heading to Canada, such as sportsmen, day travelers and vacationers.

When travelers approach an American border station in a vehicle, they simply hold up their EDL. Technology in the card allows it to be scanned from a distance. By the time travelers reach the station, security personnel will usually only need to make a quick visual check. No personal information is transmitted during this process.

Land was an early advocate of creating a higher security driver's license as an innovative way for border states to meet requirements of the federal Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) while protecting their economic interests.

Due to the relative expense and difficulty of obtaining passports -- which cost \$100 and take four to six weeks to receive from the U.S. State Department -- Land and many other go vernment and business leaders were concerned the requirement would deter many people from traveling across the border for business and tourism. The two-way trade relationship between Michigan and Canada averages more than \$1 billion dollars a week.

"Thousands of our members travel across the border throughout the seasons to use the great wilderness that our Maple Leaf cousins enjoy so much. This step will make it easier and certainly more efficient for Michiganders to travel to boats, cottages and cabins dotting Ontario and other provinces," said Dennis Muchmore, executive

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security embraced the dual-purpose ID concept and has granted apin Michigan, Washington, Vermont and New York. State legislation authorizing Land's EDL plan was passed proceed in October 2008. Enhanced licenses are available to Michigan residents

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ONLINE POLL RESULTS Do you think U. S. troops will *meet the withdrawal timeline* from Iraq of 2011?

YES

NO

I HOPE SO

I HOPE NO

Last Earth week our school children were learning all about going green and recycling. That same week our school system sent 10,000 styrofoam lunch trays to the landfill. There has to be a better way!

Mr. Fleenor is an awesome principal! He is so involved. and the kids obviously love him.

My neighbor had dirt delivered and it's still there, after the rain. It is annoying. Could it please be cleaned up?

se. They only need to present proof of a valid Social citizenship in addition to their driver's license. EDLs are offered for vo-

luntary purchase and are not required. Residents may continue to receive standard driver's licenses and state identification cards if they choose.

Land thanked the governor. Legislature and the many individuals and groups on both sides of the border whose support helped make enhanced licenses a reality in Michigan.

For more information on how to obtain an enhanced driver's license, visit www. Michigan.gov/sos.



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1994 DODGE CARAVAN 245K miles, needs some work. \$400 or best offer. 897-4359.

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MATTRESSES - Large selection of name brand mattresses at 30% less than the stores 50% off "sale" price. Yes, 30% less! RCD Wholesale, 616-682-4767 or 293-5188.TEN

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HOUSE FOR RENT IN **COUNTRY** - 3 miles from Murray Lake. Cute, recently remodeled ranch w/garage, 2 carpeted bedrooms w/ large closets, hardwood floor in living room, full basement w/laundry facilities, appliances included. Available in May. For more details call 897-9798.

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LOST DOG - Irish Setter in he Sayles/Whites Bridge Rd. area. If found, please call 616-299-5589.



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In Person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell By Mail: PO BOX 128, Lowell, MI 49331 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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WANTED - looking for a 3wheel adult bicycle (24") for a special needs teenager. Please call 868-6176.

WILL TRADE CAR FOR MOTORCYCLE - all motorcycles considered. 616-485-3472

TUESDAY MORNING WOMENS TEN STROKE GOLF LEAGUE - is looking for some fun loving women to join us. Meeting time is May 5, 10 a.m. at Arrowhead. For questions call Josh, 897-7264

HELP WANTED

CUSTOMER SERVICE - GENERAL HELP - \$10 & up. Paid weekly. Start now. No experience necessary Local company looking toexpand & hire some full time, energetic workers. Company will train for all positions. Qualify for 30 & 90 day promotions & bonuses & manager trainee positions, must staff new outlet in 30 days. All job descriptions & details will be discussed at time of interview. For a one-on-one interview call 616-243-

UNEMPLOYMENT BEN-EFITS BEEN DENIED? Employer fighting your benefits? Call for information and possible assistance and professional representation 1-231-773-8529 or 800-305-2899.

EVENTS

OUTSIDE FLEA MARKET May 2, located at Peddlers Market, 420 N. Lafavette Greenville. Free setup for all sellers. Call to reserve space. 616-835-1844.

CHRISTIAN COUNTYRY MUSIC - The Colmus Family will be performing on May 9 at 6 p.m. & May 10 at 11 a.m. at Alaska Community of Christ, 8146 68th

5TH ANNUAL GARLIC MUSTARD PULL - Sat. May 9, 10 a.m. at Stoney Lakeside Park. For information or to sign-up, call Kris, 987-9343 or Peggy 897-7948. Bring your famly, friends or group and have fun while helping the environment and the community.

VENDORS EXPO - Sat. May 2, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friendship Country Chapel 10200 Grand River Ave Lowell. Free admission door prizes, bake sale



AVIS M. HOAG In loving memory of a Mom, a Grandma, a Sister whom we lost on

April 12, 2007. There is not a day tha passes by that we Don't think of you. All our Love Forever in our

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ALTO AREA DAYCARE has 2 openings. First shift, fenced in back yard. See website for more details www.amyskidsdaycare. com/default.aspx or 868-0752.

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MARY KAY - Enter to win \$100 of MK. If you don't currently have a consultant, just call or email Rebekah you name & number to enter, 616-299-6575 or inrhancock@hughes. net. Also Mother's Day is right around the corner, get that special lady something wonderful. Gift certificates also available. Visit my website for shopping made easy, www.marykay. com/rhancock17.

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SERVICES

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HOSTING A GRADUA-TION OPEN HOUSE? Need help sprucing up the yard or with another gardening project? Strong hands with a feminine touch are here to help. Going on three generations of green thumbs and a love for dirt Call Linda, The Rustic Gardener, 897-8331 to talk dirt.

MURRAY LAKE GREEN-HOUSE - reopened, original owners, Jody & Chris Hall, since 1998. 6 miles N. of Main Street, Lowell corner of 4 Mile & Lincoln Lake Rd. Open 7 days a week, Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m - 5:30 p.m. Sat., 8:30 a.m. · 4 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m. - 3 o.m. We have 5 kinds o bark. topsoil & compost Plants arriving May 1. Fresh for Mother's Day. Call for delivery prices 897-4178 (off hour appointments available).



THE LOWELL LEDGER WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009 - PAGE 20 "Simply Give" program to help restock Flat River Outreach Ministries Food Pantry

With local food banks facing shortfalls this spring, supercenter chain Meijer is relaunching its "Simply Give" food donation program to help restock the shelves of local food pantries, including FROM Food Pantry. The announcement was made recently by Hank Meijer, co-chairman and CEO of the Grand Rapids, Michigan

based retailer. "The need to restock and replenish our local food pantries is greater than ever, so we are encouraging our customers to join us again in reaching out to lend a helping hand to those in need," said Meijer. "We're committed to making a difference in all

the communities where we do business, and this

is just another example of the importance we place on being an active member of the community."

The program, which will run from now through May 30, encourages Meijer shoppers to purchase a \$10 Meijer Food Pantry Donation Card. You can also pick up a card at the FROM Thrift Shop. The donation cards

will then be converted into Meijer Gift Cards and given to the local food pantry. (The \$10 amount reflects a typical bag of groceries at Meijer).

Meijer will once again seed the program with an overall donation of \$100,000 in grocery gift cards that will be divided equally among all the participating food pantries. As part of the

program, each Meijer store selected one local food pantry to receive its donations.

"The importance of receiving this type of donation is that we are able to buy exactly what we need and can take advantage of special sales," said Jody Haybarker, director of the FROM Food Pantry.

than six percent of its net profit annually to a broad group of charities and organizations throughout the five states where its stores are located. The "Simply Give" program drills down even deeper by ensuring the benefit is recognized in the very community where the specific Meijer is located.

Meijer donates more



