the jowell defined the lowell de Springport MI 49284-9769

wednesday • january • 6 • 2010

www.thelowellledger.com

issue 13



page 6

red arrow wrestling

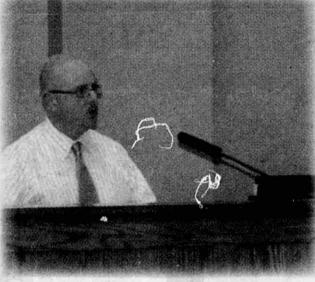


page 7

art exhibit



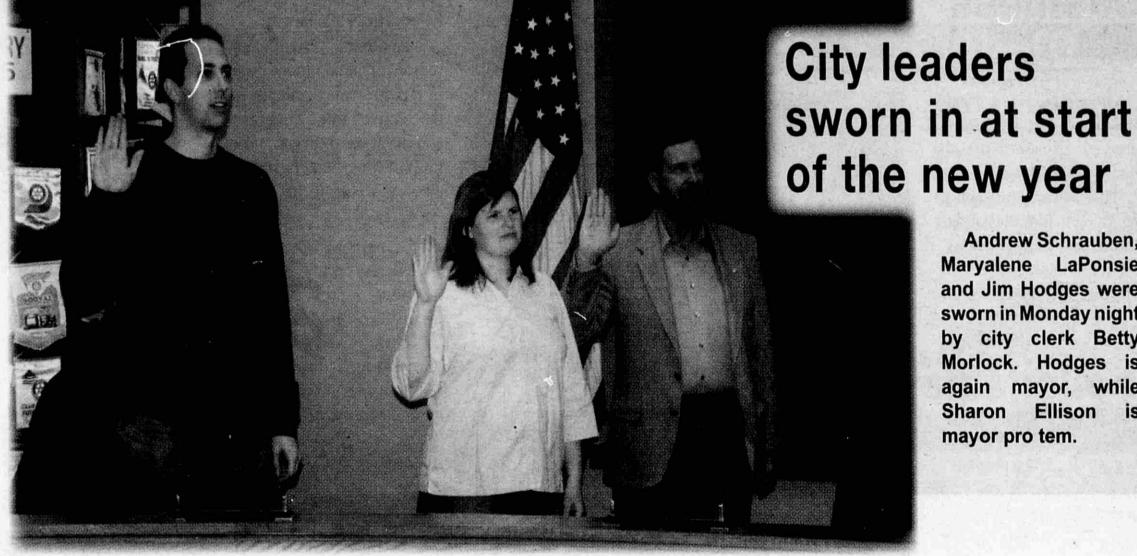
page 12



Police chief **James** Hinton requested a moratorium on growing and dispensing of marijuana.

youth gymnanstics

for over 116 years · today - tomorrow - your lowell area news source



Andrew Schrauben, Maryalene LaPonsie and Jim Hodges were sworn in Monday night by city clerk Betty Morlock. Hodges is again mayor, while

Sharon Ellison is

mayor pro tem.

City council continues struggle over single hauler

The Lowell City Council continued its struggle with works for the last year after a proposed ordinance that would allow for a single waste hauler in the city to

being brought up by council member Jeff Altoft.

Altoft encouraged the realize cost savings and cut council to consider a single communities that use single haulers include Greenville, Saranac, Portland and Ionia.

But smaller haulers oppose the ordinance amendment that would limit their capability to compete with large haulers in the bidding process.

"We're not taking away from smaller businesses," said Altoft, "a smaller business can handle our town. Anyone can bid on this."

However, due to imposed criteria by the proposed ordinance, smaller haulers are limited in services they

down on noise in the streets. hauler at their next workshop can provide, such as hours purposes from early in the morning into the evening.

"We're not dictating what they can do," said Altoft, "and we can always start all over. This has to be acted on."

However, the rest of the council requested more time and more options.

"We need to give people an option," mayor protem Sharon Ellison said. "I am not comfortable with the ordinance as it is written. I feel bad for small haulers and I am concerned about free enterprise. Something doesn't feel right."

Council The issue has been in the meeting on Jan. 11. Other of operation for contact Maryalene LaPonsie said she too was having a hard time with the issue.

Another public hearing will be held Jan. 19.

In related business, the council approved allocations from the Federal Community Development Block Grant for Sibley Street road and sidewalk improvements, for milling and repaving of S. Pleasant and S. West streets, and for North Kent Transit assistance to senior citizens and handicapped riders.

The city has also received \$140,000 from federal stimulus money.

of medical marijuana The Lowell

on growing/dispensing

Moratorium placed

by Emma Palova

Council placed a six month moratorium on growing or dispensing of medical marijuana in order to explore a new ordinance that would regulate such activity.

During that time the city will consider proper regulations based on other communities. Police chief

James Hinton said the ordinance will coincide with the city's adult entertainment ordinance.

According to city attorney Dick Wendt, there may not yet be any communities that regulate medical marijuana except for the

city of Grand Rapids that has recently placed a similar moratorium to consider regulation.

Questions remain how much regulation is possible

at the local level, since the state law which is in place supersedes local law in case of conflict.

In other business, the zoning board of appeals granted front yard variance for the construction of an office/maintenance building at the Schneider Manor.

Museum director Pat Allchin gave an update on museum activity during 2009. Between the exhibits and workshops, the museum enjoyed an attendance of \$22,000. However, the museum lost \$13,000 in revenues.

In 2013, the voter approved millage of 0.25 is up for renewal. The townships contribute to operations and may be approached for further funding in the future.

Council woman Maryalene LaPonsie questioned whether the issue has been put on the ballot in the townships for voters to decide.

Thursdays at the museum are free for all the city residents. The museum is open until 8 p.m.

Helping out during the holidays



Lowell Middle School Girl Scout Troop 3079 spent a day during their Christmas break to serve a meal at the Spectrum Health Renucci Hospitality House. Over 40 guests were served a complete spaghetti meal planned and prepared by the troop.

Pictured above, from left to right: Rebecca Schreur, Sara Barton, Meghan Mills, Breana Rich, Colleen Sterly and Anna Norder.

Keep your finger outside

the trigger guard until

Check your barrel and

Unload firearms when

Point your firearm only

at something you intend

Do not run, jump or

climb with a loaded

Store firearms and

ammunition separately

ready to shoot.

ammunition.

not in use.

to shoot.

firearm.

DNR reports 2009 firearm deer season safest on record

Department of Natural Resources reports that the Nov. 15-30 firearm season was the safest on record in Michigan with no fatalities. Only one hunting fatality

Dusiness

announced that Don Reedy

received Realtor of the

This award recognizes

Reedy for his outstanding

success and achievements.

Greenridge

Month in December.

matters

Realty

As the 2009 hunting entire 2009 hunting season, Wood, program supervisor Ten years later, the number said DNR Law Enforcement Division records show.

"Michigan has seen The 2009 hunting continued drop season recorded 12 huntinghunter casualty incidents related accidents, and just since implementation of one fatality. In 2005, the mandatory hunter education DNR recorded 19 accidents with three fatalities; and season -- was reported the orange laws," said Sgt. Jon in 2000, there were seven fatalities and 32 accidents. In 1950, the department

> 190 accidents Hunter safety training became mandatory for firsttime hunters ages 12-16 in 1971; while wearing hunter orange became law in 1977. In 1970, there were 18 fatalities and 212 accidents.

Education Program.

season winds down, the DNR Law Enforcement for the DNR's Hunter of fatalities dropped to Chief Gary Hagler. nine, while the number of accidents decreased to 107.

"Most of the credit goes to the nearly 3,000 Michigan volunteer Hunter Hagler said Education instructors across state." Wood said. "Without their dedication recorded 25 fatalities and be as safe as it is now."

reason for the continued drop in fatalities and accidents is the active role Michigan conservation officers take in educating hunters in the classroom and in the field.

ficers continue to make

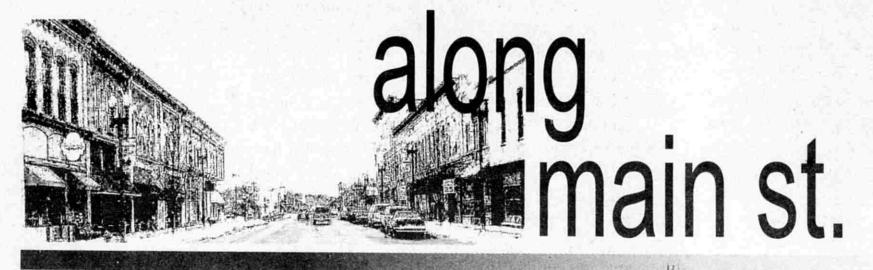
Hagler and Wood remind hunters to always think about safety while in and professionalism, the the field. There are 10 basic sport of hunting would not rules of firearm safety all hunters should remember:

- Another significant Keep your gun's muzzle pointed in a safe
 - Treat every firearm as if it was loaded. Be sure of your target

and beyond it.

and what is in front of it

and safely. Avoid alcohol and drugs before and during shooting.



college news

Mike Roth, of Lowell, is one of 20 students who will take college courses in agri- of Michigan's economy, business and related fields in generating more than \$71 Spring 2010 and was awarded billion in annual revenue. an MABA Educational Fromdairy to crop production Trust Scholarship from the and agronomy to grain

Association. these outstanding young are job prospects! We are people pursue careers in proud to encourage students agri-business and contribute to explore the great potential their talents to Michigan's of our agriculture industry." agricultural industry,"

MABA President Jim Byrum said. "Agriculture is a pillar Agri-Business marketing, opportunities in commercial Michigan "MABA is proud to help agriculture are booming - as

ledger

(USPS 453-830)

Published weekly for \$2200 a year for zip codes beginning with 493 or 495 \$3200 a year any other zip code.

JON JACOBS	PUBLISHER
EMMA PALOVA	LEAD REPORTER
	SPORTS/SALES
TAMMY JANOWIAK	CLASSIFIED/ACCOUNTING
JON JACOBS	ADVERTISING SALES
(0.10)	

(616) 897-9261 E-Mail: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com Second Class Postage Paid at Lowell, MI

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

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations and The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will of class fees. Young explorers will be Tue., Jan 12, 10-11:30 not appear in this column.

LHS FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Joann Litton, Financial Aid Officer from Grand Valley, will provide information about filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), on Thurs., Jan. 7, 7-8 p.m. at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. This is an important meeting for all college bound seniors and their parents.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., on Sat., Jan. 9, 10 a.m. to noon. You may also order online using your debit or credit card. Go to www.angelfoodministries. com Any questions, call Esther, 897-7395.

GREG VAN STRIEN HEATING AND PLUMBING

HEATING SERVICE & INSTALLATION AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE & INSTALLATION PLUMBING SERVICE & INSTALLATION WARM AIR/RADIANT HEAT OIL BURNER SERVICE

> (616) 897-5569 Visa And Master Card Accepted

WITTENBACH/WEGE CENTER

A pet care class will be held Sat., Jan. 9, 10-11 a.m., taught by the Humane Society of Kent County. Donations to animal shelters or the Humane Society are encouraged in lieu a.m. For more information or to register contact Beth Hemry, 987-2510.

FREE SMOKING

CESSATION CLASSES

Start Sat., Jan. 16 from 9-11 a.m. at Lowell Family Medical Center, 2550 W. Main St. To register call 616-975-0123 or go to www.tobaccofreepartners.org

FROM FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is presently in need of cereals, soup, crackers, boxed potatoes, and hamburger and tuna helper.

Hall for rent with kitchen **SEATS 150**

Located at the fairgrounds Call 897-6050





LIFETIME DENTAL EXCELLENCE

- · Professionally Trained, Caring, and Courteous Staff State-of-the-Art Procedures, Instruments, and Techniques
- Cosmetic Care: Porcelain Veneers, Bonding, and Whitening
- Mercury-Free Dentistry
 Filtered Water Lines
- Orthodontic Care (Braces) Wisdom Teeth Extraction
- Implants TMJ (Jaw Pain Therapy)
- Treatment of Periodontal Disease (Latest Non-Surgical Techniques Available) • Dentures • Partials • Root Canals • Crowns and Bridges
- Emergencies Accepted Convenient Payment Plans

Serving the Area Since 1981

invisalign & invisalign teen for as low as \$16800/month TODD GILLAN, DDS, PC



2186 MAIN STREET • LOWELL LOCATED ACROSS FROM ARBYS

WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO CALL

(616) 897-8491



wednesday • january • 6 • 2010

MDCH warns residents to avoid e-mail H1N1 vaccine scam

Control and Prevention Program for the H1N1 her personal "Vaccination (CDC) and the Office of the virus. Chief Information Security Security Incident Response H1N1 "Vaccination Profile"

The Centers for Disease sponsored State Vaccination age of 18 has to have his/

Profile" on the cdc.gov site.

The messages request Officer (OCISO) Cyber that users create a personal implemented a state Team (CSIRT) have received on the cdc.gov Web site. requiring registration on reports of fraudulent The messages then state that www.cdc.gov. These emails emails referencing a CDC- anyone who has reached the are a scam and residents are

match, if one is offered. In example, just because the

2010, the contribution limit price of an investment may

for 401(k) plans is \$16,500, have dropped significantly

The CDC has NOT

to review and rebalance your

portfolio at least once a year.

possibly with the help of a

professional financial advisor

who is familiar with your

Avoid "emotional"

investing. Don't make

decisions based on emotional

reactions to what's happening

Keep sufficient cash

asked to ignore and delete

the embedded link in the email are at risk of having a malicious code installed on their system. The OCISO reminds users to take the following steps to reduce

insurance

the risk of being a victim of a phishing attack:

not unsolicited links do not open or respond unsolicited messages.

Use caution when hoaxes rumors.html

sites.

caution when

Use

personal information online. For more information

please visit www.cdc.gov/

with the replacement cost:

many times thinking the

value is too high and they

want a lower coverage on

their home to reflect a value

closer to their purchase

price. An example would

be a couple that purchases a

foreclosed home for \$70,000.

however, the replacement

cost might be \$185,000.

As a result, the homeowner

wants to insure the home

for \$70,000 and not the

\$185,000. Replacement cost

is the cost for the insurance

company to rebuild your

home completely as it is

today. It includes building

materials and labor, and

also the cost to clean up the

debris. Homes not properly

insured can result in having

a considerable coverage gap

and the insured (homeowner)

being unpleasantly surprised

with a co-insurance penalty.

Understanding Insurance,

financial focus



Time to make New Year's financial resolutions

Like many people, you to earn the employer's with your investments. For may make some New Year's resolutions. Perhaps you've promised yourself that you'll visit the gym more often or reconnect with a longlost friend. All of these are worthy goals, of course, and may add new dimensions to your life. But if you want to accomplish other major milestones you may have envisioned - a new home, a Roth IRA's earnings are the long bear market of college for your kids, a tax free, provided you've 2008 and early 2009, many so on — you may need to set five years and don't start they lacked enough cash in

resolutions. What type of financial resolutions should make? Here are a few ideas

to consider: Contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k). Take full advantage of your 401(k) or other employersponsored retirement plan. Your contributions are typically tax deductible and your earnings grow on a taxdeferred basis. Every time you get a boost in salary, try

or \$22,000 if you're age 50 it doesn't mean you should or over, although both these rush to sell it. Despite the limits may increase if they price drop, it may still have are indexed for inflation. good prespects and it might "Max out" on your be an important part of your if you achieve them, you IRA. Even if you have a investment strategy. Consider 401(k), you're probably all factors before making

still eligible to contribute to "buy" or "sell" decisions. an IRA. A traditional IRA grows tax deferred, while in your portfolio - During had your account at least investors discovered that some New Year's financial taking withdrawals until their portfolios. Of course, you're 59-1/2. (Your ability you need enough cash on to contribute to a Roth IRA hand to meet unexpected is based on your income.) expenses without dipping You can fund your IRA into long-term investments. with virtually any type of But beyond that, the presence investment. In 2010, you can of cash and short-term, more put in up to \$5,000 to your liquid investments can help

> age 50 or older, although, portfolio that may sometimes as was the case with your be battered by both the stock 401(k), these limits may go higher if they're indexed for

I am a deeply superficial person.

JANUARY 11

JANUARY 12

Judy Ellison, Stuart

Blodger,

Plutschouw,

Marian

Katie

Helena Sauber, Mike Vezino

happy

birthday!

Jo Young, Terri Stuckey, Chase Anderson.

Wester, Bob Leyman, Karen Guastavino.

Zvonko

Don Green, Mary Ellen Brenk I, Jared Felling, Mike

Miller, Bob Kinsley, Bobbi Barnes, Logan M. Eidenier,

JANUARY 6

JANUARY 7

JANUARY 9

JANUARY 10

Mary Jo Vezino, Alvin

Cummings, Troy Dilly.

Jordan Potter,

Guastavino,

Andelkovic.

Lois Seese, Helga

Norann DeLoof.

 Rebalance your New Year's resolutions, may investments as needed. not be easy to keep. But if to increase the amount going Over time, your goals and you can stick with them, you into your 401(k), but at the risk tolerance can change. may have many happy new very least, contribute enough That's why it's a good idea years in the future.

- Andy Warhol (1928 - 1987)

and bond markets.

SHOWTIMES 1/4 - 1/7 O No passes OSHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) 4:30, 7:15, 9:55 • ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG) 4:20, 6:40, 8:55

THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13) 6:50, 9:45 Sign up at www.gqti.com for the

For life insurance, call a good neighbor.

for you and your family.



State Farm Life Insurance Company (Not licensed in MA, NY or VI.)

understanding Dave Emmette

of these changes. Any time

replacement

purchase

Homeowners, especially

Home insurance: are you underinsured?

Are you properly insured upgrades or additions, and in the event of a loss on your not informing their agent

The answer to this you are thinking of updating question is usually – "I that kitchen, finishing your hope so" or "I think so," but basement or adding on that stated with a large degree four-season room, be sure uncertainty as most to contact your insurance people are not sure. These agent and provide the homeowners have a right details to make sure you to be uncertain as the latest have the correct coverage report shows that 64 percent to represent these changes. of homes in the United States Another common reason are underinsured by as much is that homeowners do not as 27 percent. In other words, understand six out of 10 homes are costs vs. market value underinsured by an average

There are several factors new home buyers, disagree that can lead to a home being underinsured. The most is homeowners making changes, such as

ADA LOWELL 5

IRA, or \$6,000 if you're reduce the volatility in a 616-897-3456 UALITY
On M-21, 5 Minutes
East of Amway H.Q.
Www.GQTI.com All Lounger Seats • All Digital Sound \$4.50 to \$5.00 s resolutions, like all types of ALL SEATS
except adult evening

O AVATAR (PG-13) 6:10, 9:35 O DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS? (PG-13) 4:40, 7:00, 9:25 The princess and the frog (G) 4:10

Frequent Moviegoer Club arn points & see movies for a bargain price

Call me and I'll help you get the right life insurance



Deborah A Wilks, Agent



CITY OF LOWELL **PUBLIC NOTICE**

FAXING

Sending or Receiving

\$1 for 1st sheet, 50¢ each

additional sheet

The Lowell Ledger

105 N. Broadway, Lowell

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

An Ordinance to Amend Article I "Collection and Disposal," of Chapter 11, "Garbage, Trash and Refuse," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for public inspection during normal business hours at City Hall, the Englehardt Public Library or on the City's web page (www.ci.lowell.mi.us) under public notices

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

ask kathryn



There are two more to take my order, listen to this skill area: 1.) Modify best for them. Make sure children. Today's article is to a question I had asked you need on demand (i.e., auditory cues tend to be next month the article will be about something that feat. Teachers and parents is called "metacognition." These are big names for the time. It takes a good ideas, "Working memory" is the ability to hold part of "working memory" information in mind while is the ability to draw on performing complex tasks. past learning and then to It incorporates the ability apply that information to to draw on past learning the situation at hand. Mental or experience to apply to arithmetic is a clear example the situation at hand or to project problem-solving memory. The ability to recall strategies into the future. This definition comes from the book "Executive Skill in Children and Adolescents" by Peg Dawson and Richard Guare. The first part of the term memory and then, do a therest of our body. If the walls 65. Other risk factors for definition which is "the function with the number(s) of the aorta are damaged or development of an aortic ability to hold information that were given after the first become weakened, an aortic aneurysm are smoking,

week. The cashier was able these two numbers to come

do this kind of thing all "working memory" to do this successfully. The second of this part of working how to solve a mathematical problem is essential when doing this kind of math. Also, one needs to be able

apply and then manipulate

A good working memory such as alarms on watches, child what you are doing is essential to complete this post-its, computer pop-ups, task successfully

If you or your child from friends, teachers, or here are some exercises helps if they decide what you can do to strengthen cueing strategy will be the another order, and then, your environment so that that it doesn't blend in with remember and respond you can get the information the surroundings. Typically, even before she took my calendars, palm pilots, tape more effective than visual order. Quite a remarkable recorders, etc.). 2. Choose cues. When teaching the

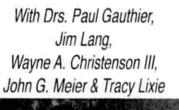
and then have them rehearse verbally the association and/or verbal reminders between the cue and the working memory. Once they parents. With children, it have been successful, they need to give feedback as to how well they have done and how it helped them with

their working memory. In summary, a key part of our success in school

and trauma to the abdomen.

Aortic aneurysms are

up with the correct answer. effective cueing devices skill, clearly explain to the and on the job is our working memory. Although special aptitude in this area. skills can go a long way in helping us be successful. If you have any questions or comments, please email me at kathryndenhouter@gmail. com. The next article will be on "metacognition."



Aortic Aneurysms

artery in our bodies. It runs like a balloon. from the heart down through

The aorta is the largest expand or bulge somewhat

the chest and into the lower to occur more commonly abdomen supplying blood to in men over the age of in mind while performing one. Finally, the mind has to aneurysm may develop. A high blood pressure, family complex tasks" I saw first remember the numbers that section of the aorta may history of aneurysms, aging

dangerous because they threatening bleeding. The risk of rupture generally increases with the increasing size of the aneurysm. Unfortunately, there are usually no warning signs or If the aneurysm is small symptoms of a developing aneurysm. Some people might experience lower abdominal, back or pelvic discomfort. Occasionally, aortic aneurysms may impede blood flow to the legs 5cm or is growing by more resulting in lower extremity

Your doctor may suspect have an aortic aneurysm an aortic aneurysm by strict control of high blood listening to your abdomen pressure is essential.

pain while walking.

with a stethoscope and carefully feeling the abdomen for aortic enlargement. may rupture and cause life- An ultrasound or a CT examination is done to determine the exact size and location of an aneurysm.

> Treatment of an aneurysm usually depends on the size. (less than 5cm) you and your physician may simply schedule follow-up imaging examinations to insure that the aneury smisn't expanding. If the aneurysm is larger than than 1cm per year, surgery is usually indicated. If you

local DUSINESS Clirectory

TO ADVERTISE IN THE LEDGER BUSINESS DIRECTORY Call 897-9261



hand at McDonald's last

2009 AWARD OF EXCEPTIONS

JANUARY SPECIAL とがのほ **ALL INCOMING SERVICES**

OF \$25 OR MORE (616) 897-9809 • 1410 W. Main • Lowell

FRY DADDY'S 608 West Main Street Lowell, MI 49331

897-FISH FISH SHRIMP WING DINGS CHICKEN STRIPS **DAILY SPECIALS** OPEN TUESDAY - SATURDAY Best Fish In Town!!!

MIKA MEYERS BECKETT & JONES PLC

ATTORNEYS

O

John T. Sperla Mark A. Kehoe Ross A. Leisman

KIRK COLLINS

Showboat

AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY, INC.

Auto Value Parts Stores

(616) 897-9231

1450 W. Main St., Lowell, MI

Hours: Mon - Fri 8-7; Sat 8-5:30; Sun 9-3

Benjamin A. Zainea Neil P. Jansen Neil L. Kimball

(616) 897-3111

www.mmbjlaw.com











BUY LOCAL



OSTRANDER SIDING AND ROOFING COMPANY 9019 W. Belding Rd. (M-44), Belding, Michigan Phone: (616) 794-0661 • Toll Free: (888) 750-7078 Fax (616) 794-0105 Email: ostrndrsdng@sbcglobal.net Web: ostranderroofing.com

IEWIOINT

to the editor

wednesday • january • 6 • 2010

Dear Editor.

Last week's issue of The Lowell Ledger had a front page article concerning the "bridge project" that will mandate one way traffic, without any on street parking for all of the summer months, which are the most productive times for most small downtown businesses! This is a hardship that rivals any merchant's worse nightmare!

One of the most popular prolific pronouncements of local, state and federal politicians is that they are ardent supporters of small businesses! That being the case, one would think that a 50 percent summer property tax break would be in line with these stated beliefs! Just being able to avoid business foreclosures would benefit all aspects of government and community.

Looking

Back

By Shelly MacNaughton

Detroit Journal

I strongly urge our city, because residents state and federal officials to different trash haulers. This pursue this reasonable and kind of heavy vehicle is constructive concession for hard on residential streets. those affected businesses.

system. I believe this is an might have been.

have at least one trash truck a day drive down them A one hauler system would Charlie Bernard put trucks in our town only Lowell one or possibly two days a week. That is a lot less diesel fumes, noise, congestion, and trash sitting out every There seems to be a lot day of the week. Another of people talking trash lately. reason to consider using one Usually that isn't a good trash hauler is when there's thing, but in this case it's a trash spill or damage not only good, it's necessary. done involving trash trucks, The trash I'm writing about who's responsible? Unless is the City of Lowell moving someone sees the spill there toward a one trash hauler are too many companies it

idea that really makes sense Much has been said about for Lowell. I first started limiting free enterprise by thinking about it when using this system. That's considering what we could just not true! I would never condition of our streets. Did free enterprise. Every trash you know that in any given company has the opportunity week as many as five or six to bid on the job. We, at the

prepare his breakfast

of the celebration.

drive their trucks down our companies what our needs gone up drastically. If we American flags that provided side streets? Some streets are and the bidders give us keep doing what we are a welcoming corridor just quote with the businesses.

Finally, we get down to

75 Years Ago

The Lowell Ledger

and Alto Solo

January 3, 1935

Frank A. Madigan, well known to Lowell people as the

proprietor of the Melody Farms dairy and a Grand Rapids oil

man for 25 years, died of a heart attack early Sunday morning

by his business secretary, Miss Peggy Jones, 32, and her

mother, Mrs. P. M. Jones, when they went to the home to

The body of Madigan, who was 44 years old, was found

Mr. Madigan had many friends in Lowell and at one time

was quite active in local affairs. He took a conspicuous part

in the Lowell Centennial celebration of 1931, as chairman of the parade committee. The parade was one of the big events

at his home in Grand Rapids at 2610 Robinson Road SE.

their best price. Right now we doing now, bag prices have beyond our own color guard are asking companies to give to go up. We saved a bit by I can tell you that no one us quotes that include bags going to a twice a month was more overwhelmed by and carts. Many companies recycle pickup, but even with that turnout than the media don't like bags because of the increase in bag rates that covering it. My answer to employee liability, however, happened last year, money the same question that came we want what's best for the is coming out of the general from each of them was, "It's residents of Lowell so quotes fund to cover the costs of just typical of the community will have to include both carts recycling. We can't keep spirit you'll find in Lowell!" and bags. A resident recently doing that. The one hauler voiced their concern to me system will lower rates. I that if this system is so good can't tell you what they are for the residents, then why now because we haven't don't the businesses have started taking bids yet, but to use the same hauler? The they will go down, not up. fact is, businesses have much Many surrounding cities have Shane more and different waste already gone to this method needs than residents. Some of trash pickup and I have businesses need a specialized not heard any bad comments container or their waste from their local officials. I anyone could ever have hoped needs to be disposed of in a think this is a good idea. If for, Shane's own welcome different manner. Businesses we decide to go with it, the home in his adopted city! are charged differently than contract will be for two or residents, almost always at three years; if after that time a special note of appreciation a higher rate. It wouldn't it doesn't work out, we can from the Lowell American do to improve the terrible be in favor of damaging be advantageous for the do something else. Citizen Legion and VFW to all of residents to be lumped into a comments are important; let me know how you feel.

To the greater Lowell community,

> I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge everyone who became part of something "truly Lowell" by turning out at either the airport or at the showboat to greet Sgt. Shane Scherer, the wounded Afghanistan veteran who spent Christmas

We were overwhelmed by

city of Lowell, tell the trash the costs. Trash costs have the 300 people and the flood of Mayor Hodges and

councilwoman Ellison and wonderful Christmas present Let this letter also serve as

you who responded to the call to give Sgt. Scherer something he had missed... the welcome home his unit received at Ft. Hood, Texas five months ago while he was still in the hospital struggling to recover from his own life threatening wounds.

Those two welcoming ceremonies at the Airport and in Lowell added a dimension to Christmas that became something special not only to them and to the Bennett family but to all of us.

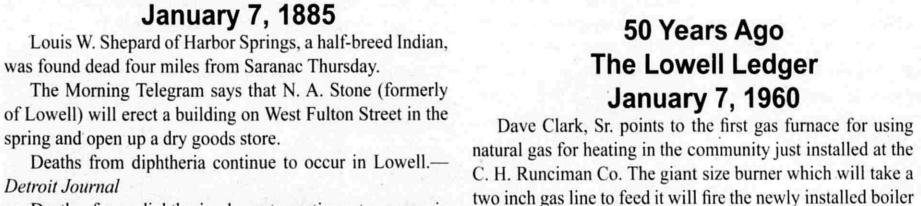
Dave Thompson. Commander Lowell American Legion Post #152

Letters To The Editor:

The Lowell Ledger welcomes your Letters to the Editor. Letters are required to bear the author's signature, phone number and address (for verification purposes only, not for publication). Letters will be published at the discretion of the publisher. All letters are subject to editing for length and C. H. Runciman Co. The giant size burner which will take a grammar. Thank you letters, advertising or personal attacks

> Letters may be submitted via email to: ledgera lowellbuyersguide.com ("to the Editor" in subject line) or dropped off or mailed to: The Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell, MI 49331. Also, our website, www. lowellbuyersguide.com has a link to submit emails on the left side of the page.

Check us out online ... thelowellledger.com



Deaths from diphtheria do not continue to occur in Lowell. In one family three children have had diphtheria; one died and the other two are getting well. No other cases reported here up to date.

125 Years Ago

The Lowell Journal

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger January 6, 1910

Miss Ariel Lawrence was ill one day this week and obliged to be out of school

An Ionia couple who permitted their little child to freeze by reason of insufficient protection, while taking good care of their own carcasses, have been sentenced to 90 days each in the Detroit house of correction. Not enough, but it may serve as a warning to other pimps of their kind.

Broadway. This includes the electric eye picking plant, the warehouse, bean elevator and office. 25 Years Ago

to furnish heat for all the Runciman buildings on South

The Grand Valley Ledger **January 9, 1985**

Lowell State Savings Bank president Keith Cadwell announced three promotions at the bank recently. Lucille Green was promoted to assistant vice president. Terry Conley is now vice president of operations and Charles R. Myers was named as a vice president.

Red Arrow SP035

Youth gymnastic meet results

The Red Arrow Youth All Around had an AAU gymnastics Yomtoob (RAYG) in Lowell. Twenty RAYG Blakely (RAYG) with 15 High Flyers (RAYG) gymnasts from Brighton. No team scores were calculated, only individual. Places were as follows:

AAU Level 3: Vault 1st place 9.1 Rachael Yomtoob (RAYG) 2nd place 8.8 Paige DeHaan (RAYG)

3rd place 8.6 Faith Blakely (RAYG) 1st place 8.75 Faith Blakely

(RAYG) 2nd place 8.55 Amber Brown (RAYG) 3rd place 8.5 Rachael Fitzpatrick (RAYG)

Yomtoob (RAYG)

1st place 8.6 Faith Blakely (RAYG) 2nd place 8.55 Amber Brown

(RAYG) 3rd place 8.5 Rachael Fitzpatrick (RAYG) Yomtoob (RAYG) Floor

1st place 8.85 Rachael Yomtoob (RAYG) 2nd place 8.6 Paige DeHaan

(RAYG) 3rd place 8.55 Paige Lynch Fitzpatrick (RAYG) (RAYG)

Gymnastics (RAYG) team 1st place 34.95 Rachael (RAYG) meet on Sunday, January 3 2nd place 34.25 Faith (RAYG) gymnasts competed along 3rd place 33.7 Paige DeHaan

AAU Level 4-group 1

1st place 9.2 Maura Fitzpatrick (RAYG) 2nd place 9.15 Darby Dean (RAYG) 3rd place 9.0 Madison Melle (RAYG)

Bars 1st place 9.55 Maura Fitzpatrick (RAYG) 2nd place 9.1 Alise Forward (RAYG) 3rd place 8.8 Darby Dean

(RAYG)

(RAYG)

(RAYG)

(RAYG)

All Around

Anderson (RAYG)

3rd place 8.35 Sela Bauman

1st place 36.35 Maura

Beam

(RAYG) 1st place 8.85 Maura Plutschouw (RAYG) 2nd place 8.7 Sela Bauman Krajewski (RAYG)

3rd place 8.45 Karmen 1st place 9.4 Meghan Plutschouw (RAYG) 2nd place 9.25 Lisa Price 1st place 8.75 Maura (RAYG) 2nd place 8.7 Joslynn Battle

> All Around (RAYG)

2nd place 34.4 Darby Dean 3rd place 34.15 Sela Bauman

AAU Level 4-group 2

Krajewski (RAYG)

1st place 9.25 Colleen Cater (RAYG) 2nd place 9.1 Lisa Price (RAYG) 3rd place 9.05 Danielle

1st place 9.4 Danielle Krajewski (RAYG) 2nd place 9.25 Meghan Plutschouw (RAYG) 3rd place 9.1 Meghan Ritchie (RAYG)

2nd place 9.0 Meghan 3rd place 8.65 Danielle

3rd place 8.65 Danielle Krajewski (RAYG)



1st place 9.35 Lisa Price 2nd place 36.55 Meghan Plutschouw (RAYG) 3rd place 35.85 Danielle Krajewski (RAYG)

> AAU Level 5 1st place 8.3 Lauren DeHaan (RAYG) 2nd place 8.15 Maddie Lassitee (High Flyers) 3rd place 7.7 Megan

Bars (RAYG)

Mowbray (High Flyers)

2nd place 8.5 Megan Mowbray (High Flyers) 3rd place 8.4 Maddie

Lassitee (High Flyers) 1st place 8.55 Lauren DeHaan (RAYG) 2nd place 8.55 Kim Jason (High Flyers) 3rd place 7.8 Emily Bohnsak (High Flyers)

Lassitee (High Flyers) 1st place 36.7 Lisa Price 1st place 8.8 Lauren DeHaan 2nd place 8.7 Megan Collica. Mowbray (High Flyers)

3rd place 8.5 Lauren DeHaan (RAYG)

1st place 34.15 Lauren DeHaan (RAYG) 2nd place 32.6 Maddie Lassitee (High Flyers) 3rd place 32.5 Megan Mowbray (High Flyers)

All Around

The RAYG gymnastics competitive team is coached 1st place 8.75 Maddie by Michele DeHaan, Kerry Battle, Sara Tarchala and Bri

Someone had to say it! **CITY OF LOWELL RESIDENTS ONLY**

RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE CHANGE

The City of Lowell recycling pickup program schedule is the first and third Thursday of each month. Please sort, separate and clean your recyclables (plastics, glass, paper, etc.) If you have more than what will fit in your tub, please place the items next to the tub in a paper or clear plastic bag. The pickup dates are listed below:

RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

January - 7th and 21st February - 4th and 18th March - 4th and 18th April - 1st and 15th May - 6th and 20th June - 3rd and 17th July - 1st and 15th August - 5th and 19th September - 2nd and 16th

October - 7th and 21st November - 4th and 18th December - 2nd and 16th PLEASE NOTE if a holiday falls during the

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall (897-8457).

week, Thursday pickup will be Friday.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

Thad Kraus

listened as this Mike Leach James is the son of ESPN saga has played out?

The former Texas Tech Craig James. meatball. I mean football coach is a black eye on the to say Steve Pincock said coaching profession.

Associated Press out of at practice in "street clothes, Lubbock, Texas reported a his cap on backwards, signed, sworn affidavit from and sunglasses and began an athletic trainer who says walking around the field in the former football coach a nonchalant way." instructed him to "lock" receiver Adam James in was upset by James' attitude a dark place and that he and did not want the other disagreed with Leach's players witnessing it. treatment of James after the player was diagnosed with a Leach's instruction, he

concussion. Michael Phy told university shed near the field, with officials in his affidavit that all of the coolers and James "may not have been containers taken away, and harmed," but he "considered instruction from Leach that this practice inappropriate, James should not sit for two and a deviation from the to three hours.

medical standard of care." Leach was fired by one to believe that Leach Texas Tech on Dec. 30, was punishing James for his two days after he was concussion. suspended by the university as it investigated James' and not smart considering

Have you watched and allegations of mistreatment. college football analyst

The report went on following James' concussion A report from the diagnosis, James showed up

Pincock added Leach

Pincock said that at placed James in a sports Treating physician Dr. medicine/athletic training

> That testimony leads A meatball act at best

noise level. The AP reported in

the attention that's being given to concussion and its or room similar to James. described Pincock the shed as the size of a single-car garage with no

In the affidavit, Pincock stated he told James he was "sorry" for having to place him in a dark shed but these were Leach's instructions. I do not agree with this "form of treatment for anyone" and I discussed this with

If Pincock was so taken aback by Leach's instructions should he not have done something at the time other than follow the to save his job. coach's instructions?

doing so at the time was losing his job.

Pincock said that two days later, instead of the shed, it was suggested James might be placed in a media interview room, which was "dark and cold."

Pincock said the media interview room contained an electrical closet, but he told James not to go into that room because of the

affidavit, Pincock James. said: "I am not aware of any other player at Texas Tech University ever being

placed in a darkened shed Other players who have sustained concussions in the past were sometimes placed in the physician's examination room with the lights dimmed, or in the weight room or athletic training room. I feel that Leach's treatment of James was inappropriate and I did not agree with it. However. I felt I had to follow the instructions of the head

would have This sounded better at the time of the incident. For some it sounds like someone trying

Texas Tech also released I realize the risk in the affidavit from Phy taken on Dec. 22 and signed on Jan. 1.

In it, Phy said: "I did not instruct anyone with Texas Tech to place James in an enclosed dark place for up to three hours. In spite of the fact that James may not have been harmed by these actions, I consider the practice inappropriate and a deviation from the medical standard of care."

On Friday, Leach denied he mistreated Adam

Leach and others also claim his firing had more

Someone, continued, pg. 8

Red Arrow SPIRIS

Lowell grapplers bedeviled by Richmond, 38-36

lose duals to good, quality wrestling teams.

wednesday • january • 6 • 2010

If Lowell didn't know that going into its wrestling match against Richmond, the Red Arrows, number two in Division I, walked away from its 38-36 loss to the Blue Devils with a much better understanding.

Richmond, number one via the pin, in building a 38-6 advantage.

"It's a real good win for us," said Richmond coach Brandon Day. "Both schools want to be first in the end. These are two great wrestling programs. I'm sure Lowell is disappointed in the loss, but it's not going to jump off the edge because of it."

Getting pinned is how you Dave Dean said the pin issue seconds. was a result of wrestling up in

"Wrestling at the right period at 189. weight class allows you to be wrestle up in weight against Kruse. guys ranked in the state it makes for a long season."

chance at actually winning points shy.

The near comeback started again at

with a 6-4 decision at 160, closing the deficit to 38-15. pins against Ethan Sutton

Lowell wrestling coach pinned Dakota Boldrey in 56

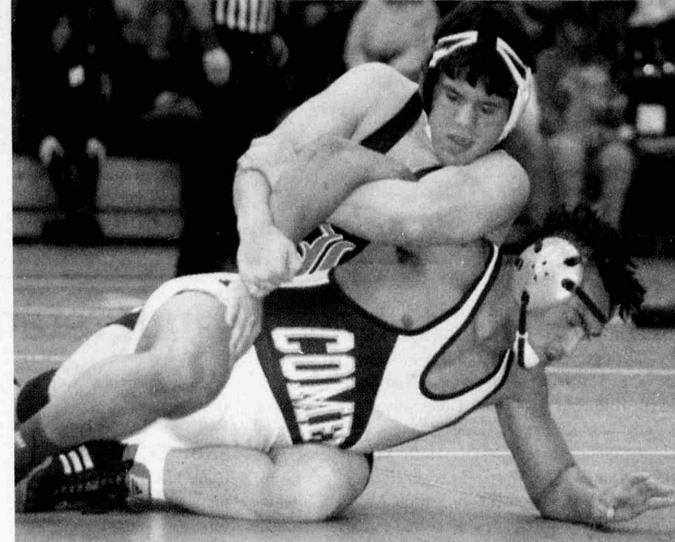
Gabe Dean made it 38-27 with a pin in 5:39 of the first

Down 11 with two in control positions," Dean matches remaining, the Red explained. "Richmond is an Arrows needed pins from excellent team and if you Ryan Olep and Connor

Olep wrestling up from 189, won a tough 9-5 It was the mid to upper decision. Kruse followed in Division 3, won seven of weights which enabled with a pin at 1:17 of the first the first eight matches, five Lowell to wrestle itself period at the heavyweight back into position to have a class leaving Lowell two

> "We'll see Richmond with Dan Fleet's win via invitational," Dean said. injury default at 152 pounds. "I'll be excited to see any Andrew Morse followed improvements we've made.

Richmond penciled in Jackson Morse, 171, then (112), Zach Jeffries (119),



Ryan Olep was a perfect 5-0 at the Lowell super duals.

Kalvin Meyer (125), Matt Griffioen (130) and Gabe Morse (140).

at 140 was a big win for us. big wins for us," Day said. Morse, like all good wrestlers, brings intensity,

to the mat. This time, though, he got caught in a headlock.

aggressiveness and patience you wrestle long enough bad

"Good wrestlers bring the holiday break with its the best of everything. Gabe biggest league dual against He's a tough kid who gets applied pressure, but did not Greenville. stay in good position," Dean

"He will learn from this. If to match up well against us,"

stuff is going to happen." Lowell comes out of

"Greenville is a good team which has the ability

Dean said. The Red Arrows travel to

Greenville on Wednesday. The match is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

ELEMENTARY

MENU

Week of

Jan. 11, 2010

LOWELL TEAM RESULTS:

1st ROUND Lowell "Red" 36 Richmond "A" 38 Lowell "White" 40

2nd ROUND Lowell "Red" 49 Davison 26 Paw Paw 32

3rd ROUND

Newberry 12

Lowell "White" 45

coach at Davison, Stouffer's

consuming, if you want to do

The all-state Lowell

Awaiting his Cardinals

"The guys said look coach

wrestling team," Stouffer

said in reference to his club's

The sport has changed

since Stouffer's high school

49-26 loss to Lowell.

goals are just as lofty.

Lowell "White" 15 **LUNCH MENU** Gull Lake 48

4th ROUND Lowell "Red" 66 Grand Ledge 9

5th ROUND Lowell "Red" 56 West Ottawa 10 Lowell "White" 36 Richmond "B" 30

"I like coaching. It's time Stouffer said. "My job as

are a lot better technically

today than when I wrestled,'

coach is to drill them in

practice so they can execute

a connection of moves when

Stouffer's

been patience.

MON: Pepperoni pizza (hamburger on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake) tater tots, assorted fruit

TUES: Grilled cheese sandwich (chicken patty on oun also offered at Alto. Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), assorted fresh regetables, fruit crisp, milk.

they are out there wrestling challenge as a coach has Murray Lake). The Lowell graduate has

always had a competitive edge burning inside. A strong desire to be the best. Stouffer has learned

This is about the great effort that isn't the case with all they gave against a great wrestlers. "Not all wrestlers want

to be the best. Some just want to be a member of the team. It took a while, but I understand and I'm okay with that now." Stouffer "High school wrestlers said.

WED: Bosco sticks w/ dipping sauce (turkey & cheese on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & peans, fruited gelatin salad, milk

THURS: Spaghetti Italian meatsauce w/dinner roll (stacked ham & cheese on bun also offered at Alto. Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), cooked carrots pineapple, milk.

FRI: Chicken nuggets w roll (3 meat sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake). mashed potatoes & gravy, assorted fruit, milk.

Time may allow Stouffer to be as good a coach as he was a wrestler

Andrew Morse was in control throughout his match against Davison.

Bill Stouffer's natural talent expedited his elevation talent enabled Stouffer to to greatness at the high school level.

Coaching, effort and attain an eighth place in

wrestling at Central Michigan University Now in his fourth year the country his final year as head assistant wrestling

> it right," Stouffer explains. wrestler returned home on Tuesday for the super duals live on the mat." at Lowell High School. club was a wall shrine of their coach's accomplishments. you're all over the wall, but this isn't about me and them hearing about what I did.

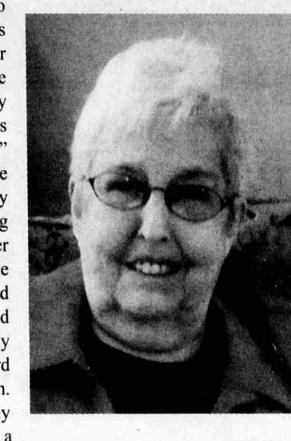
AVISIN MESTIN

Lowell grad and wrestling star Bill Stouffer returned to Lowell High School over the holiday break. Stouffer did so as an assistant coach for Davison.

HOFFMAN

Shirley Ann Hoffman, age 82, of Lowell, passed

peacefully the arms of Jesus Saturday, December 26, 2009. She was affectionately known to all as "Gramma Love." At her passing, she was surrounded by her family sharing memories of her and Grampa. She loved her God given family and her church family at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church She served many



hours and years as a volunteer for the Flat River Outreach Ministries. Shirley was preceded in death by her loving husband, Charles; daughter, Susan Wester; sister, Mary Margaret Lindley; and sister-inlaw, Nancy Hoffman. Shirley is survived by a son, Daniel (Jenean) Hoffman; son-in-law, Doug Wester; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Aaron (Lynne) Wester (Abbie, Maddie, Lannie), Jeffrey (Heather) Hoffman (Hayden, Gavin, Payton), Andrew (Sue) Wester (Maxwell, Rylee), Jody (Sean) Yaw (Mallery, Maysen, McKenna, McKoye); and brotherin-law, George (Pat) Lindley. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 30, 2009, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with Pastor Joe Fremer officiating. Interment Bailey Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Flat River Outreach Ministries.

the ledger

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8 am - 5 pm

Friday:

8 am - 2 pm

Closed Sat. & Sun.

thelowellledger.com

897-9261

area

A New Year's resolution to keep

Many Americans begin each New Year with a list of office to apply for benefits why not turn those daydreams resolutions and goals. You is no longer necessary, into concrete plans for your may want to go on a diet, You'll save time, energy, future retirement goals? Just shed a little weight, do a bit and resources by filing your use our online Retirement more exercising, or clean out application from the comfort Estimator, plug in some the long-neglected attic. The and convenience of your basic information and you'll trouble is these well-intended home or office computer. In instantly get a personalized goals often melt away long fact, it can take as little as estimate of your future before winter's snow does. 15 minutes to complete your retirement benefits. It's

resolution that's easier that for an easy resolution to keep and will take only a to keep? If applying for keep? retirement benefits is on your list of things to do is ready to retire so here is estimator this year, resolve to do it another resolution that is online. To get started, visit easy to keep. If you're only www.socialsecurity.gov/ applyonline

Visiting a Social Security dreaming of retirement now, So why not make a retirementapplication. How's another easy resolution to

Of course, not everyone at www.socialsecurity.gov/

getting Social Security retirement benefits or just beginning to work, Social Security offers a number of services and a wealth of information online at www. socialsecurity.gov

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs 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@

Understanding Insurance, continued

The co-insurance formula

DID x LOSS SHOULD = Difference. So using the example above, the home should be insured for \$185,000 (Should), but it was insured for \$70,000 (Did). If there was a \$50,000

NORTHWOOD

SHAVINGS

Bulk Animal Bedding

\$7 per yard in quantity

7587 S. Wisner

Newaygo, MI 49337

231.652.1048

loss from a fire, here is how you would get paid:

\$70,000 multiplied by \$50,000 divided by \$185,000 equals \$18,919 so you would collect \$18,919 of your \$50,000 claim. This is why it is so important for you to make sure your home is properly insured. Below are some steps to follow to make sure your home is properly

insured:

1. Complete replacement cost estimator with your agent for your

2. Inform your agent of

any changes, renovations or

few minutes. Try it out now

Whether you're already

additions to your home. 3. Your agent should be offering annual reviews, so be sure to take them up on

4. Review your coverage are properly covered.

and policy and then make a list for your agent. Remember this phrase, it is not what is covered, it is what is not covered.

As an agent, I do find most homeowners have coverage gaps in their insurance, so take the time to do the steps above as it will help to make sure you

Someone, continued

to do with financial reasons as meatballs do. Goodbye the first season of a fiveand was scheduled to earn bonus money for taking his club to a bowl game.

I'm sorry meatballs are

.10:40 a.m.

.7:00 p.m.

OF THE NAZARENE

201 N. Washington

Wednesdays - Kid's Service, Teen's Service,

Lowell Naz - Where People Matter

GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod)

Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21

www.goodshepherdlowell.org

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class...9:00 A.M.

(Nursery available)

Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307

All facilities are wheelchair accessible

CALVARY CHRISTIAN

REFORMED CHURCH

OF LOWELL

Rev. Randy Meyers - 897-7060

1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI

Nursery available at both services

Barrier-Free

..10:00 A. M.

.11:20 A.M.

..6:00 P.M

Worship Service.

Sunday School.

Evening Worship.

The Lowell Ledger/ update shows this reporter one game in back of the leader (Dale Dawson) with four games to play.

However, a coach you may be familiar with, Noel one of his final four picks differs from that of Dawson and myself which gives him an opportunity to catch Dawson and to surpass me.

until next week to read how things played out and who won the \$50 gift card from Larkin's.

First United Methodist Church of Lowell

Parenting: The Early Years

RAYA Building 519 E. Main St., Lowell Class begins Jan. 11, 2010

"Don't do as I do, do as I say" doesn't work anymore, if it ever did! This 6 week class helps you to identify and model your top traits for your children and how to improve the ones that you often wish were stronger. Developed by Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott, Parenting: the Early Years, takes a Biblical look into the traits parents want their children to possess. This 6 week class uses DVD clips with real-life parents struggling to raise their kids in the best way possible and a workbook with

> Session 5: Worry Session 6: Legacy

Based on the book, The Parent You Want to Be, by Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott

621 E. Main St., Lowell • 897-5936 ckehoe@lowellumc.com

for rent

Lowell. \$950/mo. 8 rooms

glass) in total including a

separate pantry w/floor-

to-ceiling built-in cabi-

nets & bonus room. New

kitchen/bathroom cabinets

& fixtures. New fridge.

Washer & dryer included.

New gas furnace & cen-

tral A/C. Utilities (except

water) included. Newly

painted inside & out. Yard

maintenance provided. Sits

on a one-acre wooded lot

w/plenty of space to play.

Only a 3-minute walk to

historic downtown Lowell.

No smoking please. 312-

PRICELESS STOR-

Alden Nash, 1 mile

South of 196. Call for

specials 558-2900.

3 BEDROOM RANCH

with pasture & barn. Lowell

only, this is a package deal

Alden Nash. Newly remod-

eled, smoke-free, private

great location & great rate

www.vfw8303.org. Call

John at 299-0486 or 897-

LOWELL MOBILE HOME

PARK - Under new man-

agement. Nice 1, 2 & 3

bedroom trailers for rent

Rent from \$350-\$550. For

info call George at 616-754-

0276 or 616-813-8041.TEN

CENTER COURT APT

first month rent free!

(w/12 month lease.) 2 bed

rooms, \$600; 1 bedroom

\$500; on-site laundry & cats

allowed. Center Court Apt.

201 N. Center St., Lowell.

Call CB Richard Ellis/Grand

lost

STILL MISSING - A long-

haired ALL black male cat

named Blackie. Has bright

yellow eyes. 2 years old

Last seen 10/28/09 on

Ryan Ridge & Alden Nash

SE in Lowell Twp. ANY

INFO, please call 897-

LOST - Male cat Hudson/

Elizabeth, gray/white tiger,

white belly & paws. Needs

monthly meds. Let him

out, he will come home.

wanted

Call 616-550-0521

8385. REWARD.

Rapids, 877-780-2200.

616-897-5807.

MEMORY FOAM MAT-TRESS - Tempurpedic style visco memory foam. Never used. Queen \$595, king \$795. 616-682-4767 or 293-6160.TEN

for sale

wednesday • january • 6 • 2010

office hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Fri. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

closed Sat. & Sun.

MATTRESS - Replace your worn out mattress for as little as \$79, all sizes. Name brand. Never used. 616-682-4767 or 293-6160.TFN

KEYCARDSMAKEGREAT GIFTS! - Help support the LHS Academic Boosters & save money at the places you shop in Lowell and in Grand Rapids, Cards are \$15. Stop by & get your card today, Lowell Ledger 105 N. Broadway. Cash or check only please.

HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER - Nice Ada walkout ranch, 3 BR/2bath. Large detached 2 stall garage, lot 100' X 325'. 633 Alta Dale, \$155,000, 616-881-2623.

2008 PONTIAC VIBE 21,000 miles, great MPG. Extra safety options & traction control. Asking \$11,700. Call 897-5034.

2007 RENDEVOUS CXL - Luxury package, smart track, automatic, V6, very clean, non smoker, silver w/black trim. 63,000 highway miles. \$16,000. Call 897-5178.

FIREWOOD - Dry & split mixed hardwood, \$130 a cord or delivered for \$140. Call 616-821-9036.

4X4 SILVERADO - '96 w/cap. Runs great, \$3,500 obo; NordicTrac, \$25. Call 897-5656.

BUSINESS FOR SALE eBay Drop-Off Store. Very busy. Great West Michigan location. Over \$268,000 sales last year. Priced low. Only \$50,000. Call 616-291-0039.

FREEAD!-Place & pay for an ad in the Buyers Guide & Lowell Ledger for 3 weeks & receive the 4th week FREE! You must mention the special in order to receive this offer. Valid only with new ads, and must be paid for when ad is placed. Call 897-9555, fax 897-4809 or email to: classifieds@lowell buyersguide.com, Lowell. Ph. 897-9261.

HELP US DELIVER THE PAPER...please DIG OUT around your newspaper tube, mailbox, steps. walkways & porches! Let's all try to HELP EACH OTHER survive the Winter.

HIGH EFFICIENCY - Central Boiler Classic Outdoor Wood Furnace, 25 year warranty, Dual fuel models. Maxim Corn & Pellet burner also available. Call today SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

NEWSPAPERENDROLLS AVAILABLE AT THE BUY-ERS GUIDE - Many uses. table cover, art projects packaging, etc. \$3-\$5 each. Stop by & grab one today 105 N. Broadway.

help wanted

RENOVATED (2009) - 2 NOW HIRING - & training bedroom Victorian (circa for career positions with 1870) home for rent in West Michigan's leading real estate company. Call (original woodwork/stained Rick Seese, Greenridge Realty, Inc. for a confidential interview. 616-437-2576 or 616-974-4250. PAYROLL PROCESSOR

Expanding CPA firm is taking applications for a payroll processor. Approximately 32 hours per week. Schedule will be flexible to suit client & reporting requirements. Previous experience in all aspects of the payroll process preferred; associates degree a plus. Wage will be commensurate with experience. Send resume to: Payroll Position PO Box 60, Saranac, MI

AGE - Indoor/outmisc. door. New Units on

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOLYEAR begins Mon., Jan. 11, 9 a.m. at Lowell United Methodist Preschool. Classes available for 3 & 4 year olds. Call 897-8690. Schools. Will not rent house

OPEN HOUSE - Stop by & wish Mark Ford HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Good Luck! Sat., Jan. 6-9 p.m. Ford's Barn. He will be leaving for San Diego to become a United States Marine.

card of thanks

THANK YOU to those gracious people who gave me and my family love and support through my big brother's (Rick Roth) illness. Your wonderful cards and letters (Christmas and get well) were very much appreciated and the visits were enjoyed by all. Your friendship will always be remembered.

> Happy New Year to you and your families

services

UPS SHIPPING COPY SERVICE, (black & white & color!) FAX SERVICE, LAMINATING, & MUCH MORE

AVAILABLE AT THE CA\$H PAID FOR OLD LOWELL LEDGER STUFF! - Buying advertis-**BUYERS GUIDE** ing items, military related. toys & games, jewelry 105 N. Broadway knives, lighters, hunting & <u>HOURS</u> fishing AND MUCH MORE. M-Th. 8-5 p.m. Fri. 8-2 p.m.

SOUND OFF LINE Closed Sat. & Sun. 897-0787 Ph. 897-9261 Voice your opinion! Fax 897-4809 (good or bad)

services

classifieds

~redger

HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.TEN

NEED SNOW REMOVAL

OFF YOUR ROOF OR ROOF REPAIR? - Call 616-477-1566. Insured, reasonable price. flippo@sprint. blackberry.net

SNOWPLOWING - Seasonal or per time, on call available. Salting available upon request, Call Homrich Mobile Washing & Snowplowing for a free estimate 897-0269. Fully licensed &

LAMINATING SERVICE AVAILABLE - Next day service. Drop off & pieces will be available by 9 a.m. the next day. Lowell Litho. 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

TAXES, PAYROLL each month, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. at QUICKBOOKS, & AC-Chamber office, 113 Riverwalk COUNTING SERVICE Plaza. Concerns & ideas wel- by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-6351.TEN

ZOOLAND DAYCARE HAS 2 FULL TIME OPEN INGS - on first shift. Call 897-8386 or 308-0195.

CHANIC - On road repairs Used parts AV, saves \$\$. a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. Flat Service, 616-292-7649 or 897-7749.

BUSINESS CARDS - For as little as \$28 for 250 (white card, black ink) Before you order your cards from somewhere else check our rates! Call Lowell Litho, 897-9261.

BE HEALTHY - HAPPY YOGA CLASSES - Tu. & h., 6:30 -7:30 p.m., Fr. 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. 901 W. Main. \$6 per class. 616-893-5661. hammocklearn-

SEAMLESS GUTTER Bleam Eavestroughing Free estimates, 50 colors leaf guards. Since 1959 Choose the experience (616) 765-3333 or 1-877-945-RAIN. www.bleameaves.com

WOOD GASIFICATION Boilers use half the wood as our competitors. 85% plus efficiency. Boilers in stock. www.woodboilers com, 616-893-2264 Nate Kinsman or 616-292-8801 Derrick Borup.

events

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations They are ran on a space available pasis & are not guaranteed to run. f you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809 email: classifieds@lowellbuyers guide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

> **NEWSPAPER END ROLLS AVAILABLE AT** THE BUYERS GUIDE OFFICE - Many uses! 105 N. Broadway.

events

or open discussion! Please join us

and share information about what

vou can do to become involved!

For more information, please

call Dave Emmette 644-0759 or

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at Nazarene Church, 201

N. Washington, Sat., Jan. 9 a.m.

using your debit or credit card.

Go to www.angelfood ministries.

ADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

COFFEE WITH THE LOWELL

TRIES THRIFT STORE - is open

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

E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260, Food

Pantry 897-8260, Emergency

Headley, Ada.

repeater system

second Saturday of every

Nancy Steckler 897-6380.

THE EAST KENT COUNTY REPUBLICANS (EKCR) - will be meeting on Sat., January 9, 2010 at the Lowell Area Chamber of p.m. 987-9533. Diapers, formula. Commerce (113 Riverwalk Plaza) clothing & free pregnancy testing from 8:30 to 10 a.m. to discuss current events on the local, state and AVERILL HISTORICAL MUnational levels. Bring your con-SEUM OF ADA - 7144 Headley. erns and issues to our meeting

is open every Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 1 - 4 p.m. Also by appointment. 676-9346. ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Tues. & Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Mon. & Sat.

events

9:30-1:30 p.m.; Thurs., 1-5 p.m. Info., call 647-3820. NGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS - Mon.-Wed., noon - 8 noon. You may also order online p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5

p.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

com. Any questions, call Esther LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL GALLERY HOURS - Tues. - Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m.; Monday & mornings by appt.; 149 S. Hudmonth at 10:30 a.m. at the Averill son. Visit www.lowell artscouncil. Historical Museum of Ada, 7144

org. or call 897-8545. LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Satur-CITY COUNCIL - First Saturday day & Sunday: 1-4 p.m.; Thursday: -8 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

ST. MARY'S PREGNANCY LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CRISIS CENTER- 402 Amity. CLUB - meets the 2nd Saturday Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nonat Flat River Outreach Ministries denominational. Help for pregnant 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social women/adolescents in need. gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC Provides support, referrals, food. sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio clothing/infantitems. Lowell area. 897-9393.

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

WHO WILL BE LOWELL'S **NEXT BIGGEST LOSING TEAM?**

Lowell Community Wellness announces plans to host "Lowell Takes It Off Community Weight Loss Challenge.'

Wouldn't it be great to know that you were able to stick to your New Year's resolution and have fun at the same time? Lowell Community Wellness' "Lowell Takes It Off Community Weight Loss Challenge" encourages its participants to join their friends and family with weekly weigh-ins, themed weekly events, exercise and healthy eating tips to help jump start healthy weight loss.

Lowell Community Wellness is challenging all of Lowell and its surrounding areas to participate in their Sixth Annual Weight Loss Challenge. This program will provide relevant tips to help lose weight and to build a healthier lifestyle. Exciting speakers will share their experience and support toward wellness. Local eating establishments will also be highlighted weekly to encourage healthy eating while out-and-about.

Kick off weigh-in times begin at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday January 6, at Good Chevrolet-Buick in Lowell. This 10-week event will consist of teams of four who support one another to lose weight and challenge competing teams. The entry fee has been reduced this year, \$10/person or \$40/team of four Registration forms and more information are available at www.lowellcommunitywellness.org or at the first day of weigh-ins.

The 2010 Community Weight Loss Challenge is presented by Lowell Community Wellness and its community partners Lowell Area Chamber o Commerce, Lowell YMCA and Good Chevrolet Buick.

Lowell Community Wellness: Inspiring and educating the Greater Lowell Community to attain a healthier lifestyle.

Caurenes FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

(United Church of Christ) 865 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE • 897-5906 Church School....10:15-11:15 a.m. nursday Faith Alive

you are on life's journey.

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God) 3050 Alden Nash S.E. · 897-1100 · Staffed Nursery Robert Holmes, Pastor

SUNDAYS:

Worship: 10 a.m. WEDNESDAYS: Family Night (for all ages): 7:00 p.m. "The Source" Youth: 7:00 p.m. Loving God ... Loving People!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street · 897-5936 www.lowellumc.com

......... 8:30 & 10:30 a.m SUNDAY SCHOOL......9:30 a.m.

Rev. Rick Blunt

Barrier-free entrance

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL Internet: http://www.fbclowell.org Rev. David O. Sims & Rev. W. Lee Taylor

ALTO UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH

Kirby and Harrison

Alto • 616-691-8011

OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS

- OPEN DOORS

Pastor Dean Bailey

Children's Church...

.9:30 A.M.

.....9:30 A.M.

Sun. Worship Service......9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M AWANA/EXCITE •TEENS. Wed. 6:15 & 6:30 P.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided · Barrier Free

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr. Eugene Okoli

402 Amity St. • 897-9820 www.stmary-lowell.com Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 9:30 AM Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM & 7 PM Saturday confessions: 4-4:45 PM Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM

SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Dr. Mike Conklin 9:45 A.M. Sunday School 10:30 A.M. .Fellowship

11:00 A.M.. 897-9863 Nursery & Children Worship Programs Provided **5** SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 49, EWIN FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING

A friend...a family...a mission!

than his actions. He was in Mike Leach! year, \$12.7 million contract Larkin's Bowl Bonanza

LOWELL CHURCH

The bad news is our picks over the final four games are the same. Yes, that means I cannot catch

Dean, is also at 17 and

You'll have to wait

Class - Mondays 7-8 p.m.

Child Care Provided. Cost: \$9 for the workbook you need for the class.

Registration is required. Call 897-5936. Limit of 24 parents

discussion time. It is lead by Linda LeSage and Al Halbeisen.

Session 1: Time Session 2: Affirming Session 3: Defiance Session 4: Authenticity

First United Methodist Church of Lowell

Kid Scoop Together:

Missing Words

Use the words in the word list to complete this news article.

100 Hours of Service

Longmont High School, is

of her own volunteer hours

community service.

with 100 students at her

of the school year. When 100

0,000 hours of community

What a Character!

Service is ...

. helping people in your

mmunity whenever possible

Kid Scoo-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letter

in the word DONATE in each vertical

and horizontal row. Each letter should

E

only be used once in each row. Some

spaces have been filled in for you.

END

SERVICE

AGREED

FORMED

students volunteer 100

to volunteer

school who each

100 hours by the

hours, that

HOURS

TOTALS

STUDENT

TURN

Longmont, CO - Julie

working to

into 10,000



Downtown Development Authority representative - Jeff Altoft

earned during the bank deposit before distributing these monies.

Valley Vista Drive and North Center Street (\$25,073.40).

on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.

handicapped riders (\$6,000.00).

be Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

Motion to approve the collection of summer property taxes for 2010 for

Grand Rapids Community College at no fee but able to keep the interest

Motion to approve the front yard variance request from Schneider Manor

Motion to approve the following Community Development Block Grant

2009-2010 - Sibley Street road and sidewalk improvements between

2010-2011 - Milling and repaving of S. Pleasant and S. West Streets

(\$25,186.00) and North Kent Transit assistance to senior citizens and

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will

Complete minutes will be available after approved on January 19, 2010

Betty R. Morlock,

City Clerk

at 725 Bowes Road to construct a 76' x 36' office-maintenance building.

The Schedule of District Regulations states that for new parcels which are less than 40 acres in size the depth of the parcel shall not be greater than three times the width. Mr. Dine wishes to create a new parcel where the depth of the parcel is more than three times the width.

The hearing will be held as follows:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010 WHEN:

TIME:

WHERE:

ALTO, MI 49302

The application materials are available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

> Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk Bowne Township

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE For puzzle answers, games, opinion polls and much more go to: www.thelowellledger.com AND CLICK ON KIDS SCOOP BUTTON

Service Ideas

The kids in Mrs. Kelsey's class

painted some posters to give kids ideas about the kinds of things they

can do to help in their neighborhood.

But they fell off the line while drying

and got mixed up.

Can you match the two halves of

each poster?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Use reading skills and strategies to understand a variety of texts.

Magan

GREEN

Martin Luther King, Jr. Make your celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Day "a day on, not a day off." This year, thousands of people will do just that by volunteering.

SEEDS OF LEARNING AND SERVICE

AMHERST, MA - Every spring, kids at the Common School in Amherst, plant pumpkins and proceed to learn how to care for them. And from these seeds come study and service.

In the fall, after they harvest the pumpkins, students practice math

skills by weighing them and counting the seeds. The learning continues as they

measure ingredients to make dozens of loaves of pumpkin bread, which they donate to the nearby senior center.

Read the above article and identify each of the following: WHO: WHAT:

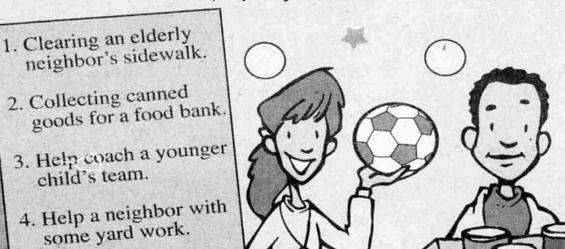
WHEN:

wednesday • january • 6 • 2010

WHERE:

Standards Link: Civics: Students understand the importance of volunteering as a characteristic of American society (e.g.,

Take a look at this list of MLK, Jr. Day of Service ideas. Then look at each picture. Number the project you think each kid chose in the circles.



5. Play a game at the senior center. Trash-bag Team The volunteer coordinator asked four students to collect as many bags of garbage as they could find in the park.

• The 4 students filled a total of 15 bags.

· No one filled more than 7 bags.

· None of the students filled the same number of bags. · Cassidy filled 5 bags.

• Owen filled 3 less than Cassidy.

· Sam filled the most bags.

How many stars can you find on How many did each student find? Use the clues to complete the chart. this page in 60 seconds? Now Students Bags have a friend try. Who found CASSIDY the most? OWEN BODIE SAM PARKS CLEAN. TOTAL

MONOPOLY

Helping **Others**

Look through the newspaper to find

☐ An organization that helps others → A person helping

others → Adjectives about ■ Martin Luther

King, Jr. Day events

Standards Link: Civics: Know now various American holidays eflect values, principles and beliefs of Americans.

pouble nouble Word Search Kid Scoop Puzzler Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop **SERVICE** What's a great way you can help TUTOR stories and activities. someone today? **DONATE** Starting at **VOLUNTEER** the R, move **COMMUNITY**

clockwise around the third letter on the lines to find out something you can do today to help someone. tandards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions

FROM THE COOP LESSON LIBRARY

Find ads in the newspaper that thank and acknowledge community volunteers. Create

to find out the cost of running this ad.

a newspaper "Thank You" ad for participation

in a Book Drive. Contact your local newspaper

Standards Link: Research: use the newspaper to locate information

Thank You Ads

Homeless shelters, schools and families would love the gift of children's books. Get a step-by-step plan for organizing a book drive at www.kidscoop.com/kids

SENIOR SUPPORT **PROMOTE** COLLECT **ENERGY KING** LOAVES SEEDS CARE POSTER

SSDEESBRCT UYGRENEEOC PDONATEEME PPIEICATML OOVOIKLNUL RSEVAOLUNO TTROTUTLIC UEAPROMOTE

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

SRCNTEEVYR

ANSWER: It overswept

Why was the broom late?

E Kid Scoop **VOCABULARY** BUILDERS This week's word: **VOLUNTEER**

AO

to work or help someone for no pay.

The verb to volunteer mea

The fourth grade students volunteer to read to the kindergarten students.

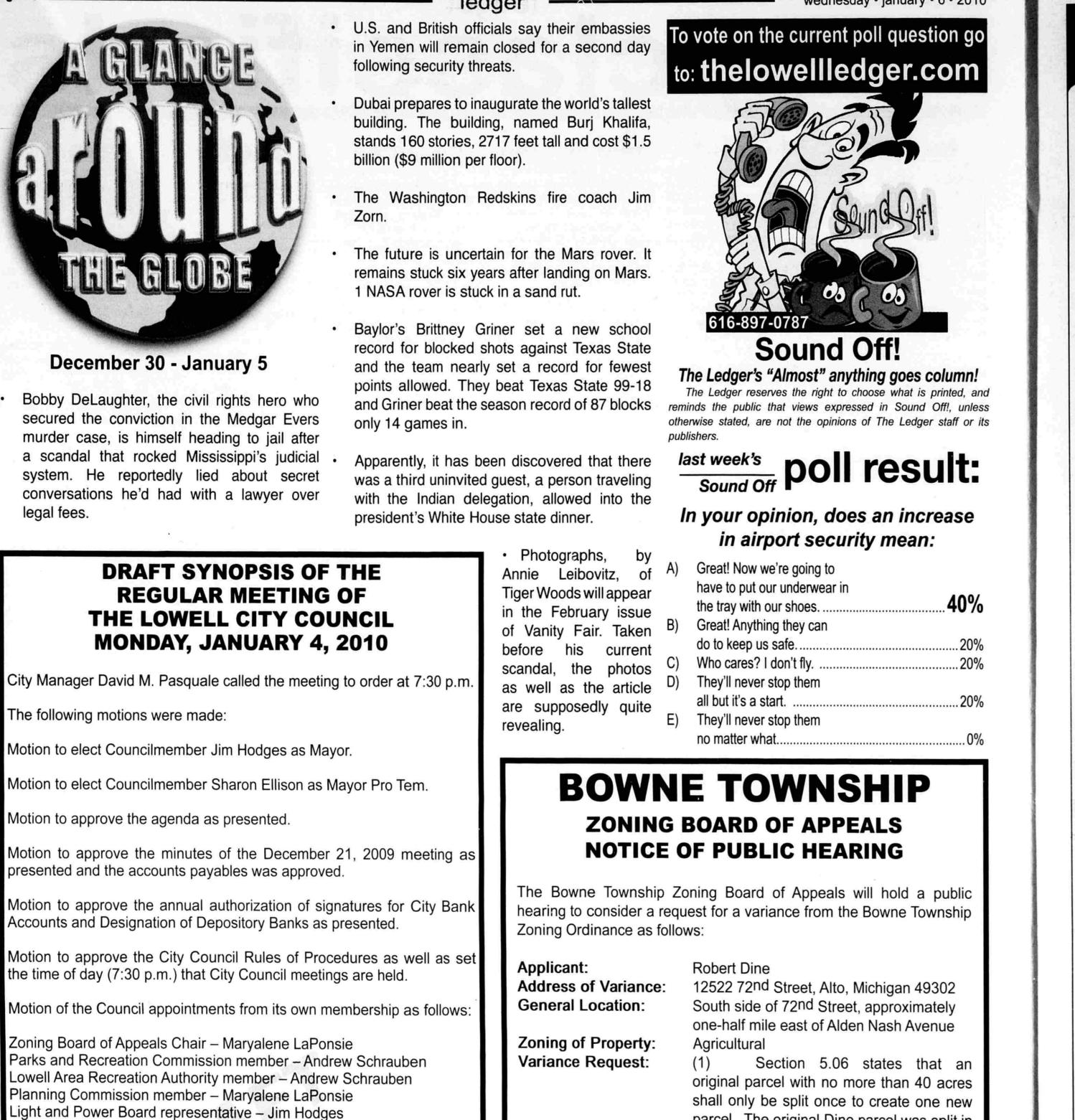
Try to use the word volunteer n a sentence today when

talking with your friends and family members.

Write On! Make a ☀

Difference Tell how you make a

lifference in someone's life within your family. your school or in your community.



shall only be split once to create one new parcel. The original Dine parcel was split in 2008 to create the allowed new parcel. Mr. Dine wishes to split the original parcel again in order to create another new parcel and is therefore seeking a variance to do

7:30 P.M.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL 8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE

Artist's work explores human spirit

by Emma Palova

In her 'Human Spirit' series 1&2, artist Janet Barker explores the relationship between the body and the spirit.

Barker's complete solo show is now on display at the Riverwalk Gallery through April 9.

"I situate each figure in an atmosphere of drama," she said. "There they act out a piece of their lives."

So, each figure acts out its own personal drama with the help of metaphoric objects and landscapes. Barker uses herself as a model with picture references to the body. In the first series, the figures are on a stone couch representing the hardness of life.

In the latest series, Barker positions the figure near the entryway of a maze hedgerow. The maze represents life with its archways indicating a new passage that the human spirit has entered.

This evolution from hard to soft and calm, also shows

the evolution of the spirit of the artist.

Barker, as an artist, has evolved from depicting sad and crouched figures to more graceful and calm ones.

Barker considers the human spirit series as the heart and bulk of her work, her artistic identity.

The series started as a subject for her senior theses in 1997.

"I wanted to create more than just a still life," Barker said. "I wanted to explain the human spirit and the soul."

Barker has been intrigued by the human face and figure for most of her artistic life, but has also done pencil drawings on commission.

"I am getting back into my own work now," she said.

Her large oil painting 'Storehouses' is an explosion of colors with snow in the background.

"I want people to stop and think about where they are in life," she said. "Take a moment to pause and think about our own spirit."

Her show includes illustrations such as the carousel animals. She paints children's and mother's portraits.

Barker plans to continue the Human Spirit series and the Wing series. She started the Wing series when she was having many dreams.

In 'Earth Bound' the figure is depicted with wings, but not necessarily considered to be an angel. She is wearing regular dress, and the wings are broken.

Barker will display her artwork on the Internet at www.artspan.com with other artists. She would also like to have her paintings in a gallery.

"I want to keep on going," she said. "It is evolving where I am as an artist. The spirit has increased and changed."

With the understanding that there are highs and lows in everybody's life, Barker is hoping people will be able to identify with her artwork.

Human Spirit series #2

"Art is a major way I like to communicate," she said. "It's a communication mode and I delight in the process that art takes me through."

Barker has a bachelor's

degree in fine art and illustration.

Artist's reception will be held on Feb. 14 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the chamber.



Artist Janet Barker with 'Storehouses.'

BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 09-05

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board held on December 21, 2009 Ordinance 09-05 was adopted. This Ordinance amended the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance to add Section 3.40 regulations for outdoor furnaces. A summary of this Ordinance follows:

Outdoor furnaces are not permitted in the R-4 Multifamily Residential District, the R-5 Manufactured Housing Community District, the C-1 Commercial District, or the M-50 Corridor Overlay District. Outdoor furnaces are permitted in all other zoning districts subject to the requirements of this Section 3.40.

A building permit from Bowne Township is required to install an outdoor furnace.

Outdoor furnaces shall be installed and operated according to the manufacturer's instructions. Outdoor furnaces shall be operated in the most efficient and clean manner possible.

An outdoor furnace shall only be used to burn wood without additives, wood pellets without additives or agricultural seeds in their natural state. Certain materials are prohibited.

No outdoor furnace shall be used or operated in such a fashion as to become a nuisance to the owners or occupiers of adjoining or nearby properties or dwellings or in such a fashion that smoke emissions unreasonably interfere with the safe or reasonable enjoyment of the owners or occupants of nearby or adjoining properties.

The ordinance contains specific requirements for Outdoor Furnaces in the R-3 Urban Residential District, the C-2 Commercial District, and the IND Industrial District, including the requirement that no outdoor furnace shall be located within 100 feet of a dwelling unit which is not on the same lot as the outdoor furnace.

This Ordinance shall become effective seven days after publication.

Ordinance 09-05 is available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 616-868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk Bowne Township

