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Lowell soldier remembered as a hero, a man who loved his life and his family

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by Emma Palova

Army Beachnaw, 23, will be remembered as a hero by his family and friends.

Beachnaw, a 2004 Lowell High School graduate, was killed Wednesday by small arms fire in Afghanistan just a few months before he was scheduled to return home in August.

His mother, Jeanne Beachnaw, said he entered the army because it was the right thing to do for his country and the money would help with his future.

"He wanted to go to on to the army to serve his hunting and motorcycles." country."

worked in the cleanup after knew how to have a good

2006. He was stationed on a Sgt. Lucas base in Vicenza, Italy.

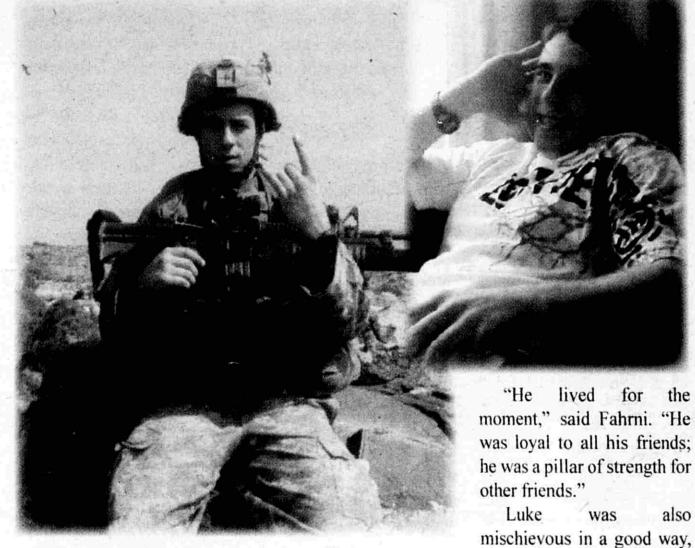
> But, most of all he will be remembered for his great sense of humor.

"He was being a happy kid, loving every moment of life," said Jeanne Beachnaw.

She found out about her son's death Wednesday at 11 p.m. when the army knocked on her door. Lucas was the baby in the family and he was loved by his two older sisters, Jamie Beachnaw, 25 and Terra DeLong, 27.

"He liked being active and having fun," said DeLong. "He loved us, he loved to school," she said. "He went snowboard, fishing and

Sister Jamie Beachnaw Lucas Beachnaw first agreed that Lucas definitely



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hurricane Katrina and then he time. went into service in March of



Jamie Beachnaw and Jeanne Terra and DeLong.

"He made everybody laugh," she said.

Lucas liked to play with Jamie's daughter, threeyear-old Emma, according to his good friend of three years from the base, Melissa Horner. He also liked sushi and Mojitos.

"There's no way a force like Luke can be gone," said Horner. "I was devastated. It wasn't real. He always talked about his niece Emma:"

While in Italy, Luke went snowboarding in the Alps. He called himself green, according to Horner.

"He was one of the funniest people I've ever met," she said. "He loved being a sniper."

You could always tell him in the crowd by a chip in the tooth in the front and by that famous big crooked smile on one side.

"He had a great smile," said his science teacher Amanita Fahrni. "You always laughed when you were around him."

Luke had posted on his Facebook "Live some day today."

according to Fahrni. "He was never malicious," she said. "I am a better person today for getting to know him."

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The family is working on plans for a service for Beachnaw later this week.

"I will miss everything about him," said his mother Jeanne Beachnaw.

In lieu of flowers, the family has set up The Lucas Beachnaw Memorial Fund at Huntington Bank to offset the expenses of soldiers coming to Lowell for the services.

Lowell man seeks help for Haiti earthquake victims

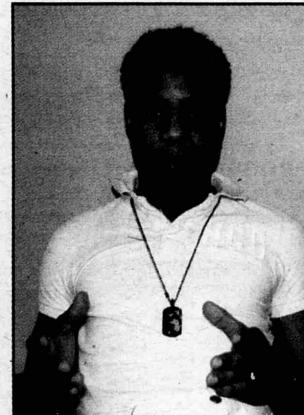
by Emma Palova

Nehemie Destine, a local refugee from Haiti, is seeking help for earthquake victims in his

native country. His father, Marcel Destine, is a missionary in Saint Marc, Haiti, located approximately 60 miles north of the Portau-Prince, struck by the earthquake last week.

Marcel Destine oversees orphanages at seven different churches in Haiti and he will be helping the victims. He visited the capital to check on the family.

"Everybody is okay,



Nehemie Destine urges people to help Haiti.

but there are dead people everywhere," said Destine. "It's chaotic right now. They need help."

And Destine is organizing that help locally through Ray of Hope for Haiti. The agency is collecting donations, the much needed water, food, clothing, medicine, toiletries and money.

Donations can be dropped off at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. Anything that will not get shipped will get donated locally. Destine is also working with local churches to arrange for donations and with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) in Saint Marc.

Apart from the immediate need, in the long run the country will need big items to rebuild, such as building

materials, mainly cement mixtures, generators and power tools.

Destine is very concerned about his country and he stressed the need to finally break the vicious cycle of isolation. He likened the beautiful country, the pearl of Antilles, to a back alley.

"It's important to keep talking about this," he said. "The country has been isolated because it was the first black country to get. independence."

Haitigainedindependence from France in 1804. But it has suffered from corruption, kidnapping and violence.

"This will be a turning point in our history only if we keep shining a light on this back alley," he said. "It needs to come out right now."

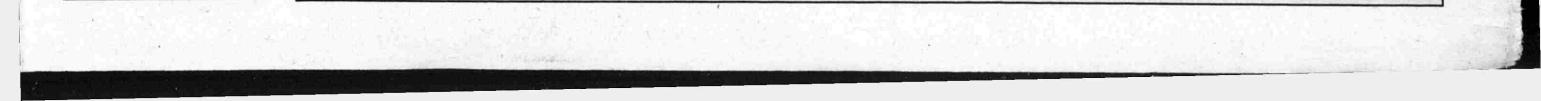
And Destine fears with the earthquake, the already poverty stricken country will suffer even more from looting. Even though UN peacekeeping troops are present in Haiti, Destine said that is not enough.

"There needs to be a strong foreign military presence to enforce humane ways of living," he said. "People are poor, angry, hungry and they need to survive."

Destine views the recent disaster as an opportunity for change.

"We have to keep helping and not let the story die," he said.

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Social media seminar explains use of social networking sites for marketing

by Emma Palova

both.

said Steve Zaagman, senior posted on Linked In. promotions producer and is about listening to your meet other professionals." consumer to what they want."

last week touched on the use of social networking sites for marketing of businesses.

Moderated by Candice Fleszar. Fleszar and Zaagman, the seminar enjoyed a good turnout from the local business community from township officials to banking representatives.

The main topics included the three top social networking sites, Facebook, Twitter and Linked In.

Zaagman explained the difference between the sites comparing each to proper business etiquette.

"Facebook is a cocktail party," said Zaagman. "It's a combination another entryway to the web. of business and pleasure."

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Is it a small world or a Facebook is like a cocktail big cocktail party? Being on party, the less known Linked Zaagman. "But, you get an Facebook is like a little bit of In is like a business suit instant feedback from the useful in searching for a job fan page." "It's a small world," or connections. Resumes are And experts say there

"It's a professional site the fan page. digital media specialist for posting information," said for WZZM. "Social media Zaagman. "It's a great way to come," said Zaagman.

Fleszar said Facebook has become an important tool for The social media-seminar businesses in the recent years recipes and events for organized by the Lowell because there is no longer Facebook fans. Area Chamber of Commerce face to face communication in the corporate world.

corporate distrust," said It's fun and friendly."

make that personal connection different beast, according to again, according to Fleszar.

In a world of distant relations between individuals and families, companies and businesses, the social networking sites offer an customer complaints. opportunity to interconnect it all together.

That is where the fun combines with business.

Creating a business fan page on Facebook and like promoting it using the younger generation offers

"The toughest is getting the fans," said

should be a reason to go to

"Give them reason to

This could mean anything from photos, videos, links to stories, coupons for specials,

"Don't get too pushy," said Fleszar. "It's a different "There's a lot more type of business relationship.

Twitter, with only 140 People are looking to characters, is a completely Zaagman. Twitter is often used by large companies for customer service and complaints. Zaagman said

Candice Fleszar and Steve Zaagman.

goes viral and the number of using their own equipment, on a regular basis, ideally at people who see it and repost it according to Zaagman. Comcast uses Twitter for grows exponentially. Twitter is so fast that scientists can the site that will give the useful information can also Also, if a snippet of a zero in on the epicenter of biggest bang for the buck. be found at Yahoo answers.



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 not appear in this column.

MID-WINTER USED BOOK SALE

The Friends of Englehardt Library will sponsor a book sale for adults and children, Fri., Jan. 22, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sat., Jan. 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Mon., Jan. 25 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. we will hold our 'Bag of Books' sale. Purchase a bag for \$4. All proceeds go to library programming.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Murray Lake fifth grade will be holding their annual spaghetti dinner on Sat., Jan. 23, 5-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for students 5 to 12, and free for children under 5. Proceeds are to offset the cost of the fifth grade annual camp trip. The entire community is welcome.

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A FIFTH GRADER?

Lowell Middle School will be holding a Family Math Night for middle school students and their families on Mon., Jan. 25 from 6-8:30 p.m. Preregister by calling 987-2800.

GILDA'S CLUB PROGRAMS

On Jan. 26 learn about the natural benefits of honey with Kristine Jacobson at 1 p.m. Dr. James Chicester, DC, will offer "The Keys to Understanding Wellness," a discussion about what your body and mind need to get and stay well, at 6-7:30 p.m. To register or for more information go to www. gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow

BLOOD DRIVE

Junior Lifesavers Blood Drive sponsored by student council at Murray Lake Elementary on Thurs., Jan. 28, 2-8 p.m. in the Murray Lake Elementary gym, 3275 Alden Nash Ave NE. For more information or to schedule an appointment call 987-2750. Walk-ins welcome.

The Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center will be hosting two workshops on Fri., Jan. 29. Flying WILD, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., designed with urban educators in mind. Growing up WILD, 12:30 to 4 p.m., is an early childhood education program. Call 987-1002 to register or for more information.

SLIDE SHOW & SNOWSHOE HIKE

On Jan. 30 the Land Conservancy of West Michigan will be having a slide show at 6 p.m. at the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center. Afterwards there will be a snowshoe hike at 7 p.m. For more information call 987-1002.

LOVE AND LOGIC CLASSES

Early childhood Love and Logic classes will begin Feb. 2, for four weeks. Free childcare. Hours can be used by childcare providers for licensing. 6:30-7:45 p.m. Sponsored by the TOTS Program of Lowell Area Schools. Call Kathy at 987-2532 to register.

CALL FOR AUDITIONS

Thebes Players community theatre is seeking seven female actors (ages 18-65) and three male actors (ages 20-60) for PLAY ON! Dates of the production are April 16-23. Auditions are on Thurs., Feb. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Sat., Feb. 20, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Lowell Public Library, 200 N. Monroe. For more information or to borrow a script for review, call or visit the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson.

The Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, will be hosting an 'It's A JUNGLE (Book) Exhibition' through Feb. 6. Gallery hours are: Tue.-Fri., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sat., 1-4 p.m. and Mon. by appointment.

COAT DRIVE

The VFW and American Legion members are collecting new and used coats for the men and women living at the Veterans Home in Grand Rapids. Coats can be dropped off at Curtis Cleaners, 1410 W. Main St., through February.

NOTICE

Lowell Area Recreation Authority 2010 Meeting Schedule

All meetings will be held at 6:00 pm. at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce office, located on the Riverwalk. For further information, phone 897-5671, or for a calendar of these and other events please visit the trails web site at www.lowellareatrailway.org

THE LOWELL AREA RECREATION **AUTHORITY BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2010** ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

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July 14	November 10
August 11	December 8
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story is posted on Twitter, it an earthquake faster than The site should be worked the same time intervals for Fleszar suggested finding greatest efficiency. Other

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Edwards retires from LARA board

The Lowell Recreation Area Trailway project. North Carolina.

Authority group of interested residents Fund for grants, manning Phase I of the trail. The be honoring the service of (LARA) expressed gratitude formed a committee to booths at community events, grant received a first place Edwards and his family with to retiring board member study building a trail that and ultimately forming and ranking among like projects a trail paving marker in their to anyone within the three Dan Edwards for 10 years would connect the three serving on the Authority by MDNR staff. Dave name. of service to the Lowell municipalities of the City of Board. Lowell, Lowell Township Edwards, who served as the and Vergennes Township. authored the Michigan. Vergennes Township citizen As the project began to take Department of Natural quality of the MDNR grant Township has appointed representative on the LARA shape, Edwards became Resources (MDNR) grant application was due in large Betsy Davidson, former at clerk@vergennestwp.org board, has taken a new job in a constant figure in the application which resulted part to the hard work and Community-At-Large creation of a master plan in the attainment of the dedication of Edwards." Edwards began attending for the trail, petitioning the

Area meetings in 1999 when a Lowell Area Community funds needed to complete Austin, LARA's project

Murray Lake fifth grade to hold annual spaghetti dinner

Although April

seem a long way off, for people have attended the past are free. The entire Lowell Murray Lake fifth graders dinners and the students have Community is welcome to it has been on their mind raised between \$2,000 and attend.

may past. Between 400 and 600 age. Children under five



Murray Lake students, John Wade and brother Justin, enjoying last year's dinner.

quite often in recent weeks. \$3,000 for their camp trip. The fifth graders have been spaghetti dinner go to off-set the cost of the fifth graders' in Wayland.

Mike Fillman along with fifth grade teachers Paul Jacobus, Julie Fuss, and Kori 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 for with both parents and students to plan for this event. "It's more than just a fundraiser, it is an opportunity for Murray Lake families to get together and socialize. It is really a fun event for all involved."

The fundraiser, which includes a silent auction with many items donated from local businesses, has been a huge success in the

This year, Murray Lake planning for their annual is also incorporating their spaghetti dinner. All of the first ever art display. The proceeds from the fifth grade art display was an idea from the student council. Many families will have art projects annual trip to Camp Ebersole that they did as a family on display during the event.

The dinner is Saturday, Jan. 23 and runs from 5 to Grooters have joined forces adults and \$4 for students five to twelve years of



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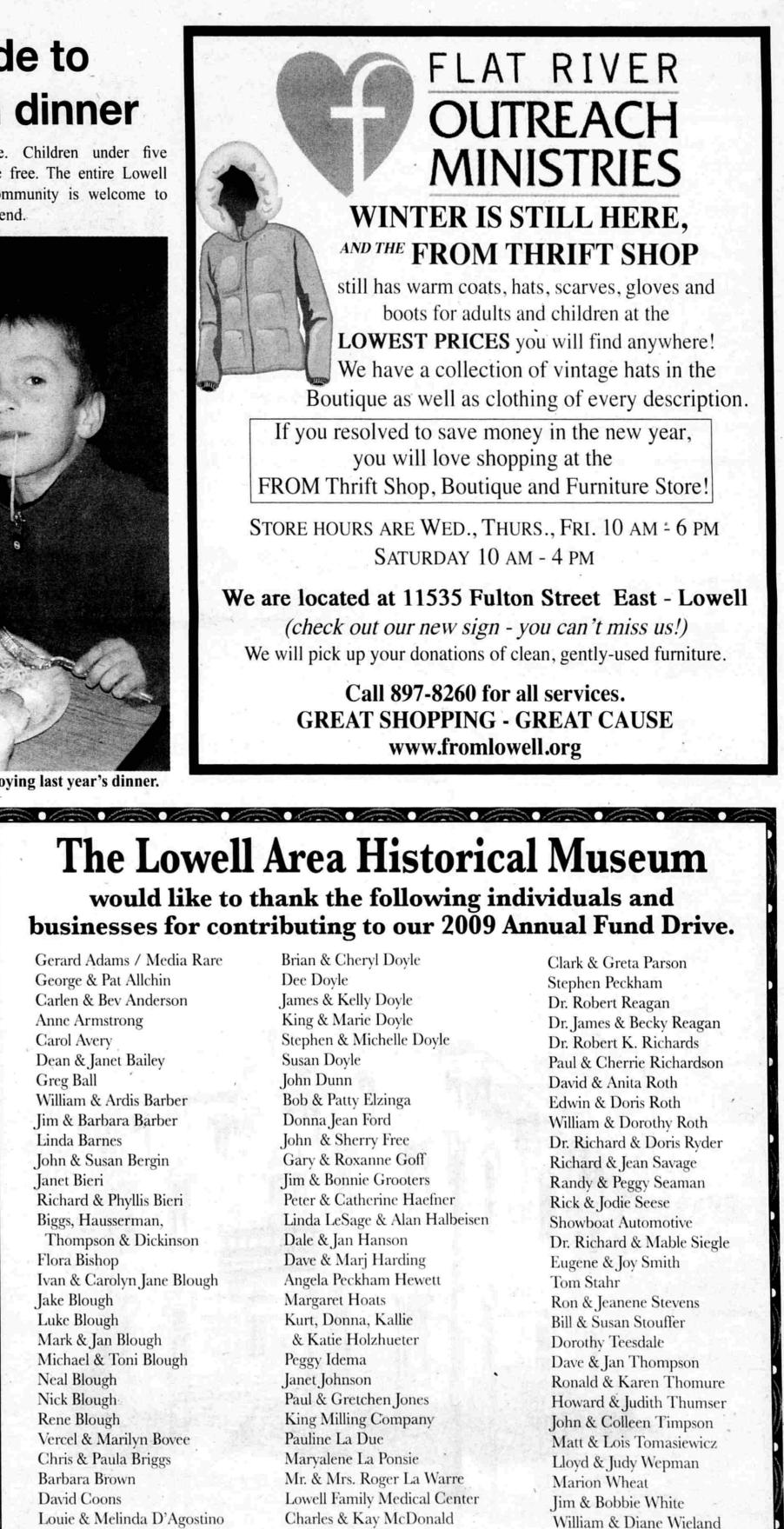
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The LARA Board will

In the meantime, a Most recently, Edwards engineer with Williams & replacement board member Works, noted that "the high is being sought. Vergennes

representative, as their citizen representative. This leaves the At-Large seat open municipalities. Interested citizens may contact Mari Stone, LARA secretary, for more information. She can be reached at 897-5671 x2 or

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Students show off their skills at BPA Regional competition

Business of America Regional Workplace Skills Assessment competition at Davenport University in Grand Rapids. Over 20 schools were represented at eligible skills.

At the Leadership Lowell High School and eight students qualified included: Jessica Lewis, first place in graphic May 2010. design promotion; Rebecca graphic design promotion; Gildea, and Sarah Weaver.

On January 9, 13 Andrew Light, third place students from Lowell High in prepared speech; Alex School competed in the Tobin, third place in legal Professionals office procedures; and Katie (BPA) Jousma, June Ramsay and Heather Wieberdink, second place in global marketing team

These students are to represent the competition with over Lowell High School at 500 students taking part the 2010 State Leadership in the all-day competition. conference on March 19-Students from West 21 at the Amway Grand Michigan competed against Plaza Hotel where they will each other showcasing their compete with students from business knowledge and across Michigan, attend workshops designed to aid Regional in professional development conference, and gain valuable skills for their lives ahead in the students were outstanding world of work. Top students at the state conference will to represent Lowell at the advance to the National state competition. Winners Leadership conference held in Anaheim, California, in

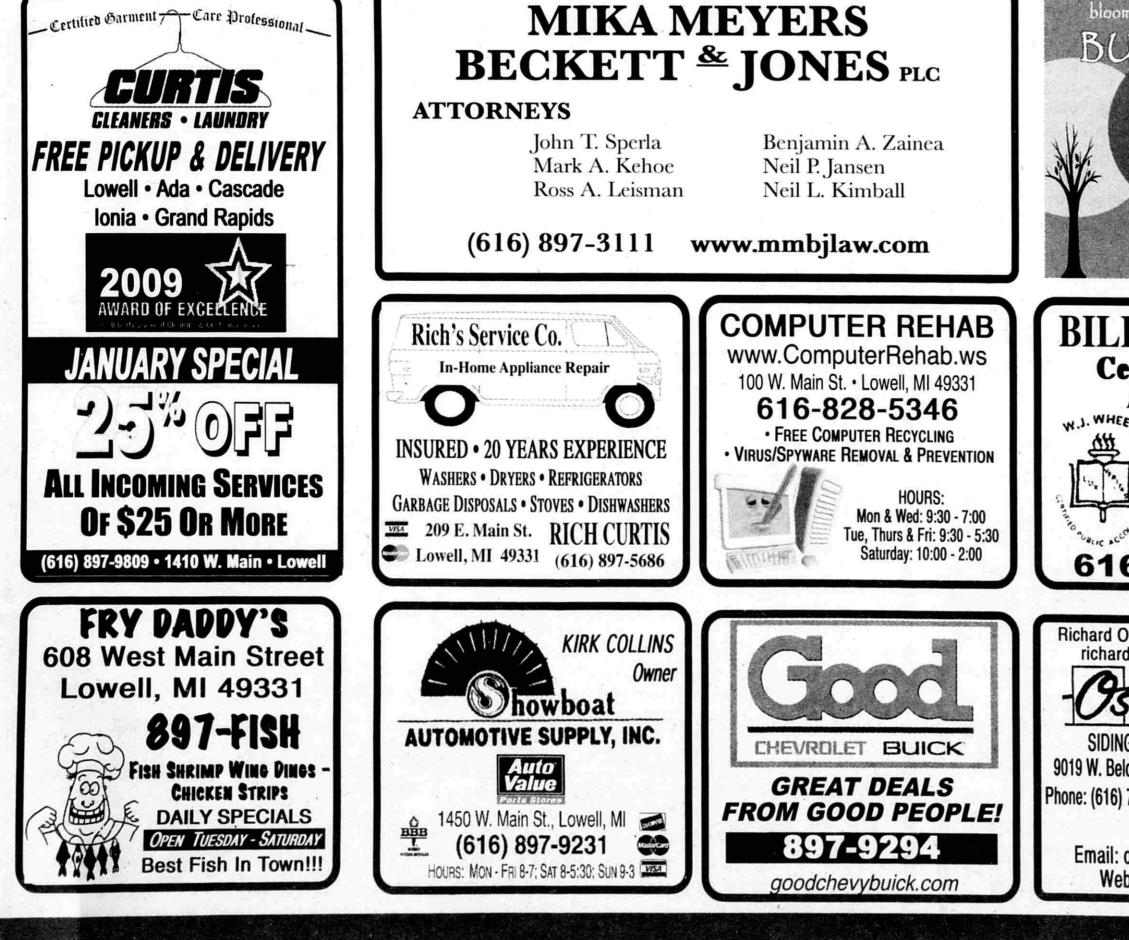
Students attending the Lorentz, first place in competition also included prepared speech; Alyssa SamanthaBraman, Samantha Churches, second place in Brock, Brad Canfield, Kayla



Front row, left to right: Alex Tobin, Heather Wieberdink, June Ramsay, Katie Jousma, and Kayla Gildea; second row, left to right: Alyssa Churches, Andrew Light, Jessica Lewis, Brad Canfield, Samantha Brock, and advisor Dee Crowley. Missing from photo is Rebecca Lorentz, Samantha Braman, Chad VanBennekom and Sarah Weaver.



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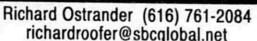
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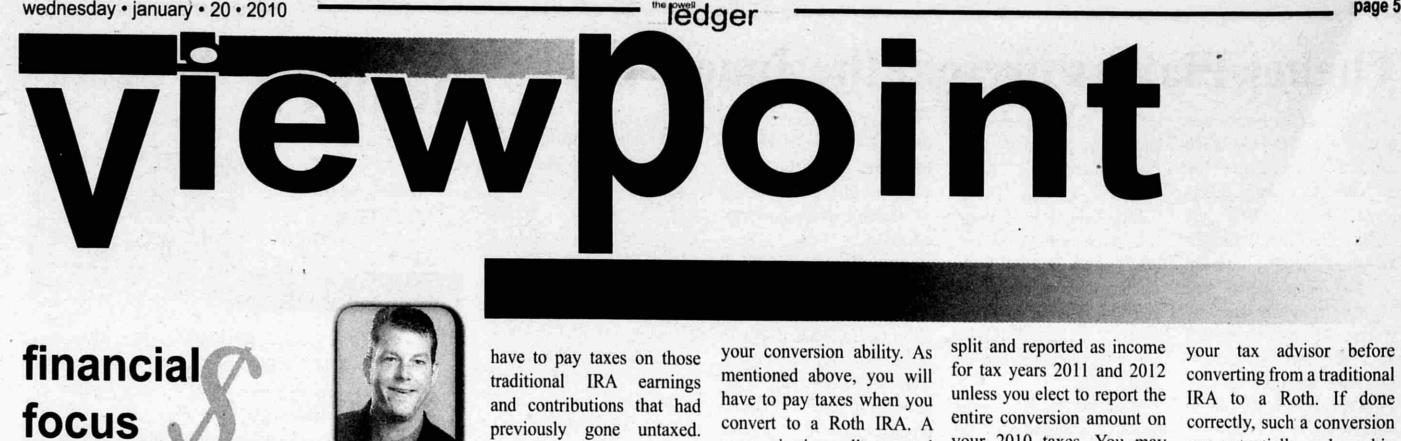
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New Year means new opportunities for Roth IRA conversion

of its biggest benefit: Your earnings grow tax free, provided you meet certain conditions. If you don't have a Roth IRA, you may want to consider one - and it may be easier for you to do just that in 2010.

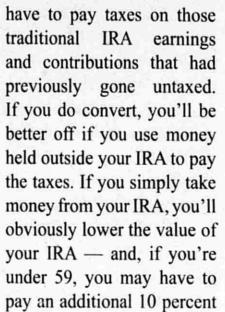
Before we get to the reasons why 2010 may be your year to open or convert to a Roth IRA, let's look at some differences between Roth and traditional IRAs. If you own a traditional IRA, your contributions may be tax-deductible, depending whether you can make deductible contributions or free sounds better than tax not, your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means your money can grow faster than it would if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every

If you already have a year. On the other hand Roth IRA, you're aware Roth IRA contributions are never tax-deductible, but your earnings grow tax free, as long as you've held your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're at least age 59?

Christopher C. Godbol

Furthermore, unlike a traditional IRA, a Roth IRA does not require you to start taking distributions when you reach 70? Consequently you'll have more flexibility and freedom when it comes to making withdrawals.

If you have a traditional IRA, you might be thinking on your income level. But it's a good idea to convert to a Roth IRA because tax deferred - and, all things being equal, tax free would indeed be better. However, it's not quite that simple. If you convert your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, you'll



penalty on the amount you

withdraw to pay the taxes. In the past, many investors have been prohibited from converting their IRAs due to either their tax filing status or their income. Under previous rules, you could convert your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA only if you for Michigan, and our nation, were married and filed a joint return or were a single filer, We began 2009 facing deep and your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) the domestic auto industry. was \$100,000 or less. But Michigan families already starting in 2010, you can were hurting and faced the convert funds to a Roth IRA prospect of more pain. even if your MAGI is over \$100,000. You will also be able to convert to a Roth if you are married and file separate tax returns.

And that's not the only

conversion is usually reported as income for the tax year the conversion takes place. However, in 2010 only, your conversion amount will be

a year of progress,

We have just ended what ranks as perhaps the most difficult and challenging year since I came to the Senate. uncertainty over the fate of

Without question, we've been through a tough 12 months. Unemployment in Michigan and across the nation continues at extremely high levels. Thousands of Michiganders have lost their

piece of good news regarding

to evangelistic work, conducting great revivals in the oldfashioned way in which the power and anxious seat played an important part.

For a time he traveled from Lowell to Smyrna conducting services. At one period of his career he walked thirty-two miles and preached two sermons.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo January 24, 1935

Main St. presented an unusual spectacle last Thursday when scores of boys and girls were seen skating along the street on their way to school. All thoroughfares were a glare of ice making driving rather precarious to say the least, so school boys and girls for miles around did the next best thing by coming to town on their skates. Two boys are reported to have skated all the way in from Elmdale. All had a heap of fun from their experience.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger January 21, 1960

Edith L. Kauffman, former Lowell newspaper woman, died Wednesday, January 13, in Blodgett Hospital. She has been linotype operator at the South Kent News until recently; before this she was a partner in that newspaper's operation and worked for the Lowell Ledger and Journal many years

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger January 23, 1985

Ledger publisher Roger Brown and Lowell librarian Cathy Clair recently requested funding from the Look Memorial committee to have over 100 years of Lowell newspaper preserved on microfilm. At last Wednesday's meeting of the Look committee, the \$6,000 proposal was unanimously



125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal January 21, 1885

Wheat is firm. Our buyers are paying 80 cents. Bishop Gillespie of Grand Rapids is in favor of capital punishment

The young ladies' class in modern literature will meet this week, Thursday, at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Hine, 2:30 sharp.

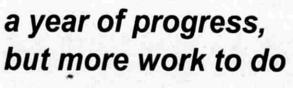
A polo game between the Ionia team and Lowell team at the Lowell Rink Friday evening is announced. Go and see ago. the fun.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger January 20, 1910

Elder A. N. Hudson was born in a little log cabin in Saratoga county, N. Y., Dec. 18, 1814. He was converted when a very young man and since that time has devoted his life to the ministry.

He came to Lowell in 1866 and devoted the rest of his life approved by the committee.

over two years can make the retirement lifestyle. conversion more affordable. In any case, consult with



Sen. Carl Levin

homes. But I also see reasons for optimism. Our automakers, still challenged, though forests.

We began the year passing the American bv Reinvestment and Recovery Act, legislation that made a crucial impact in softening the blow of this recession.

unless you elect to report the IRA to a Roth. If done correctly, such a conversion your 2010 taxes. You may can potentially make a big find that spreading the taxes difference in your ultimate

> More than \$10 billion in Recovery Act funding has provided the state with extended unemployment benefits, support to state local governments, and and money for scores of infrastructure projects and other important needs.

On autos, the Michigan delegation worked closely with the White House Auto Task Force, and GM and are now in a position to Chrysler to ensure that each compete worldwide. We're company was able to develop positioned to prosper through a workable restructuring revolutionary advances in plan. While the restructuring alternative energy, from involved a huge amount auto batteries to wind power of pain, we worked hard to fuel from our fields and to minimize the hardship for Michigan workers and families.

> We also secured \$2 billion the Recovery Act for in grants to U.S. manufacturers of advanced battery systems Levin, continued, page 14



Rep. Dave Hildenbrand

Good news to report scores in the entire nation. from Lansing: lawmakers The results are so bad, in fact, that on a recent standardized test, students would have raise student performance actually performed better if they had just been randomly guessing. If that doesn't say easier to get rid of ineffective our system is broken, I don't know what does.

By making these reforms, Michigan is now also eligible to receive up to \$600 million from the federal government to invest in education. This means Michigan could potentially recover the money lawmakers were forced to cut from schools in special interests who spent a order to balance the budget. lot of time, effort and money But even if Michigan doesn't lobbying to stop these receive any federal money reforms from going through, at all, these are still positive, and they almost succeeded a necessary reforms that will improve schools and

I have always believed work together and focus on that education is the key to our long-term economic A recent news story recovery. We need to make revealed that Detroit public sure our students receive the

education reforms

recently approved sweeping education reforms that will and help fix failing schools - reforms such as making it teachers, setting up a merit pay system to reward outstanding ones, allowing the state to take over failing schools and making the teacher certification process more efficient.

Getting these reforms approved wasn't easy. There were a lot of powerful number of times. Fortunately, lawmakers from both sides strengthen education. were able to find a way to putting students first.

schools have the worst math education they deserve.



Thebes Players present the Jungle Book

first published in 1894 when encounters on a daily basis characters. I thought it would author Rudyard Kipling was 28 years old. Besides stories about "The White Seal" and "Rikki-Tikki-Tavi," the best known of the tales was that of the young Indian boy, Mowgli, who was raised by wolves. Thebes Players will now bring the story back to life on stage from January 29 - February 7 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

The twist in this particular adaptation by award-winning playwright attends a British boarding because of the imagination

(Headmaster Price, English be nice to bring it to life on teacher Master Crofts, stage and give our audiences bullies Fielding and Hanley) an example of the power of become characters in an early creativity." draft (Akela the wolf, Baloo the bear, Shere Khan the tiger and his "faithful assistant" Tabaqui the jackal) of what masterpiece.

This production will feature seasoned actors and fresh-faced newcomers who all bring a unique energy to will eventually become his the proceedings. Brent Alles, who has directed and acted Director Laura Leasure in several Thebes Players' brings this mash-up of the productions, is playing drudgery of everyday school the role of Bagheera, the life and the wonder of the wise panther who acts as a jungle to life. When asked protector for Mowgli. Alles Joseph Robinette is that the what drew her to this story, states he was drawn to the tale is being composed by she replied, "Jungle Book work because of the unique the young Rudyard while he is one of my favorite stories twist that Robinette brings to a carefree, happy-go-lucky,

The Jungle Book was school. The characters he that Kipling brought to his the story. "I love stories that present alternate realities, and it is fun to watch the young actors play a 'real world' role and then turn around and play a jungle animal. It's a great opportunity for all of us to explore such duality."

> Audiences who are expecting something akin to the Walt Disney 1969 version should know that this version. even with its twist, is more faithful to the original work than the animated classic that many people remember. Matt Tawney, playing Baloo the bear, states that in the Disney version "Baloo was big child. In the original work, Kipling intended for Baloo to be a semi-serious teacher for Mowgli, and that is what I am trying to bring to the role."

The Lowell Performing Arts Center is located at the Lowell High School. 11700 Vergennes SE General admission tickets are \$6 in advance and \$8 day of show and at the box office. Tickets are available through the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331, Call 616-897-8545 or email: info@ lowellartscouncil.org

At left, some of the cast members who will be performing in the Thebes Players' production of "Jungle Book."



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

Bronchitis is a condition where the bronchial tubes (which carry oxygen to your lungs) become inflamed. This inflammation is usually caused by a virus. This causes one to produce and cough up mucus. This can appear clear, yellow or green. Symptoms can also include wheezing, chest tightness or pain, and a low grade fever. open the cause is typically viral. suspected.

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Lynn Anderson's 'Summer's Offerings.

by Emma Palova Combining

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abstract with realism, artist Lynn Anderson is mainly inspired by perennial gardens. Her mother and grandmothers. and now Anderson and her sisters all have beautiful gardens.

"They inspired me," she said. "Mom loves nature and she is familiar with wildflowers.'

Anderson is the featured artist for February at the Fire and Water Art Gallery in downtown Lowell

Her watercolor piece Offerings' 'Summer's doesn't come as a surprise, but as a natural by-product of the love for the garden. For Anderson, using her garden as a consistent theme is also very practical. She knows the subject, which lets her concentrate on painting.

"I continuously revisit the floral theme especially gardens, because it's a subject matter said am familiar with."

Anderson. Learning to paint was hard enough for Anderson, so by staying on the same subject matter, she could learn how to paint.

school. While in Anderson worked in a florist shop and spent a lot of time with flowers. Although she majored in ceramics and jewelry at Michigan State University, Anderson has always wanted to learn how Kathleen Mooney and it to paint.

So, she went to Western involved artists." Michigan University and received an MFA in painting in 1989. As an arts teacher at Northview High School in Plainfield Township, she has always dabbled and painted, but never consistently

Now, since she's retired, Anderson has firm artistic plans.

"I want to make a career out of it," she said.

Last year, Anderson had six abstract paintings of downtown Grand Rapids in the ArtPrize giant fall

show. Her station was at the Ottawa Tavern. And she is doing it again this year.

"I want to do ArtPrize again," she said. "I want to do more and more

Anderson said she is very happy to be the featured artist at the Fire and Water Art Gallery. The gallery is owned by artist is run as a co-op by the

"This is a really fine people," she of "I am hooking onto said. Kathleen's energy. It's wonderful to be a part of anything she is doing."

Anderson's paintings are not photographs, but rather a combination of areas of abstraction with realistic flowers. In her 'Summer's Offerings' Anderson starts out with a sketch of flowers and attaches a cluster that looks like a garden.

"I feel I am putting

myself into the painting by creating only a vision of flowers," she said.

In 2004, Anderson spent a month painting gardens in London. She always has different bodies of paint and Anderson likes to paint big on full or half sheets.

"You hope for the best and if it doesn't work out you start another one." she said.

The major difference for Anderson in painting abstract as opposed to a realistic painting of a flower is that an abstract needs a design.



Jerry Wisner, of Lowell, took this picture in his yard at 506 N. Jefferson and brought it into the Ledger office. He explained that throughout his life. his mother and grandmother insisted that the first robin was indeed a sign that spring was near. It is early but let's hope that this robin's presence is a harbinger of an early spring. "My mom will go nuts when she sees it," he

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"With floral. I find it as I am doing," she said. "Watercolor is always a surprise. You can't control it, unlike oils."

Anderson wants to get a web page and continue to be involved in arts with shows such as the ArtPrize. And although she has been to the major art galleries in this world. Anderson said she found the best art in her own backyard at the Grand Rapids ArtPrize show.

"It's awesome to see what people created, but it also confuses me about the definition of art," she Ottawa Tavern.

"What I really liked said. about it is that it was so all inclusive, it had mature and immature pieces."

Art to Anderson means that childhood keeping curiosity, staying young, while constantly experimenting with new ideas.

"The show made me smile," she said

Anderson loves food and loves to paint food. She is looking forward to eating pear salad with her friends again during her next ArtPrize exhibit at the

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Lowell lanced in finals of Rivers tourney

by Thad Kraus

in four years that a Lowell wrestling team did not come away with the goods at the Gary Rivers Memorial tournament.

number two team in Division I, had their string of tourney wins snapped Saturday by the Lancers of Lakeshore-Stevensville, the number two team in Division 2, 33-30.

As is the case, more often than not when two super wrestling powers collide, the outcome comes down to bonus points.

matches against great teams, usually both teams win seven matches or one wins eight and the other six and explained.

it comes down to managing It marked the first time bonus points," said Lowell wrestling coach Dave Dean.

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The Lancers and Red Arrows divided the matches with each winning seven, however, The Red Arrows, the Lakeshore tallied 12 bonus points to Lowell's nine.

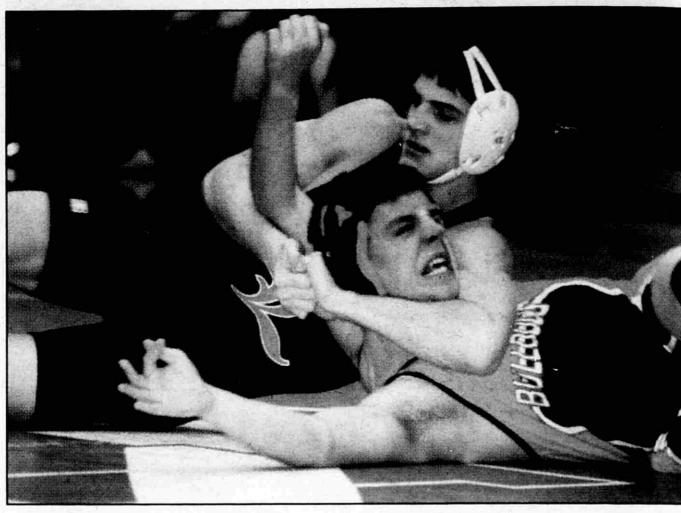
> Lakeshore won the toss, preventing Lowell from matching up Jackson Morse here and beat Lowell. They against Nick Humes. That are a great team and well may have been worth an coached. They will be happy two

"It comes down to Bettendbender said. attention to detail in practice, staying in good position

It was the first time since 2003 Lakeshore has left Lowell with the hardware. not lost on Something venerable coach, Bruce Bittendbender.

"We've been in the finals every year it seems and we just can't seem to get that edge," he explained. "It's a big win for us to come additional bonus point or in Lancer land as soon as the word starts spreading down,"

Lowell led 13-7 on the strength of wins by Gabe "When wrestling big time when battling under pressure Dean (189), Ryan Olep (215) and when the heat is on and Connor Kruse (HWT). you not having breakdowns Dean won a 4-2 decision. late in the match," Dean Olep earned a 15-5 major



Andrew Morse controlled his match throughout for a 12-4 major decision.

decision and Kruse won on a disqualification for stalling. Lakeshore's strength in

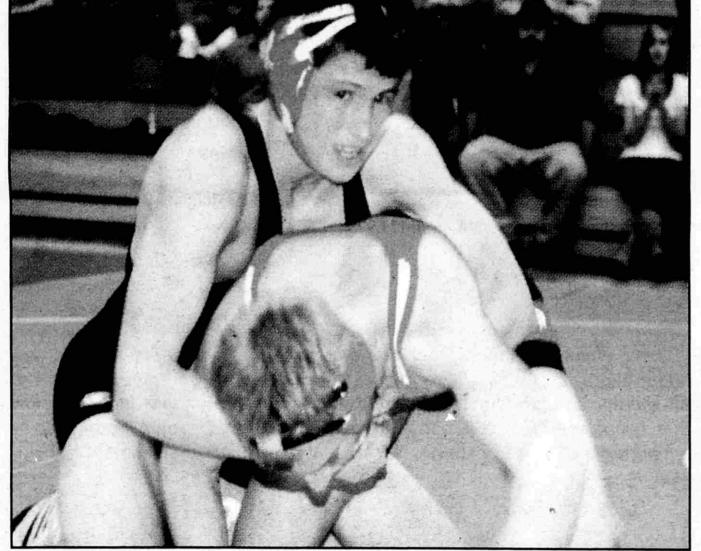
the lower weights then flexed its muscle.

Kyle Frese (103) recorded a pin in 39 seconds of the irst period.

Tyler Daniels (112) posted a pin at 3:39 of the second period while Tyler Frese (119) won a 10-2 major decision propelling the Lancers to a His win gave Lakeshore a Allendale 39-29. 23-13 advantage.

The two clubs split the tournament championship. next four matches. Lowell's Matt Griffioen won 8-7 at pounds.

by Lakeshore's Travis first period. Dragoner's pin over Jake 33-20 lead, clinching the

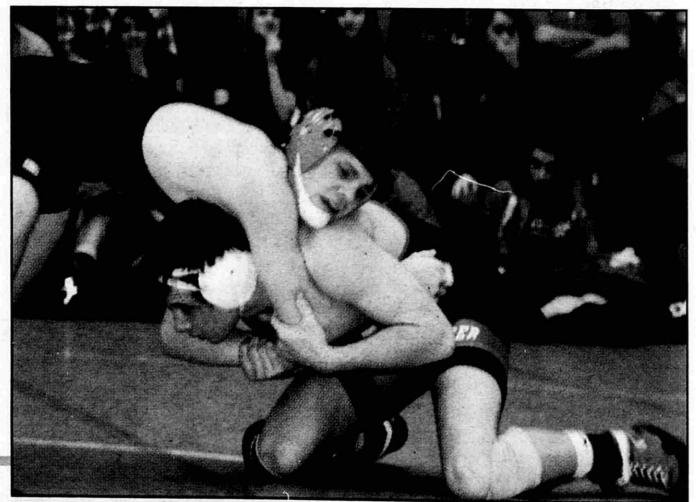


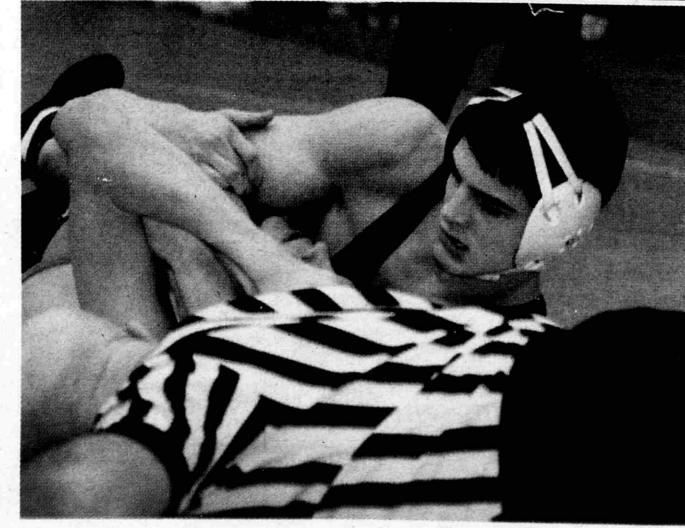
Jake Fillingham helped Lowell finish 4-1 at the Gary Rivers Memorial tournament over the weekend.

Individual Results:

Kyle Frese def. Scott Vanoosten (L) pin :39. Tyler Daniels def. Zack Jeffries (L) pin 3:39. Tyler Frese def. Kalvin Meyer (L) maj. dec. 10-2. Matt Griffioen (L) def. Brett Glaske dec. 8-7. Travis Dragoner def. Jake Fillingham (L) pin 3:47. Gabe Morse (L) def. Jordan Florian maj. dec. 12-4. Payne Hayden def. Jake Gould (L) maj. dec. 10-1. 145 Andrew Morse (L) def. Caleb Nitz maj. dec. 12-4. Jackson Morse (L) def. Connor Brand pin 1:04. Nick Humes def. Dan Fleet (L) dec. 5-2. Tyler Humes def. Jake Stehley (L) maj. dec. 15-5. Gabe Dean (L) def. Zach Weer dec. 4-2. 215 Ryan Olep (L) def. Ryan Brandt maj. Dec. 15-5. HWT Connor Kruse (L) def. Kyle Seear DQ (stalling).

Lowell's Dan Fleet enjoys control early in his match against Lakeshore's Nick Humes.





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The Red Arrows' last two wins of the day came at

125 pounds and Gabe Morse 145 when Andrew Morse was a 12-4 winner at 135 defeated Caleb Nitz 12-4 and Jackson Morse pinned Those wins were offset Connor Brand at 1:04 of the

Leading up to the finals, Fillingham at 130 pounds and Lowell defeated Coldwater Payne Hayden's 10-1 major 61-12; Fruitport 60-12; decision against Jake Gould. Hudsonville 54-14 and

> Jackson Morse needed a little over a minute to post a first period pin against Lakeshore.



Red Arrow gymnasts elevate skill and confidence

by Thad Kraus

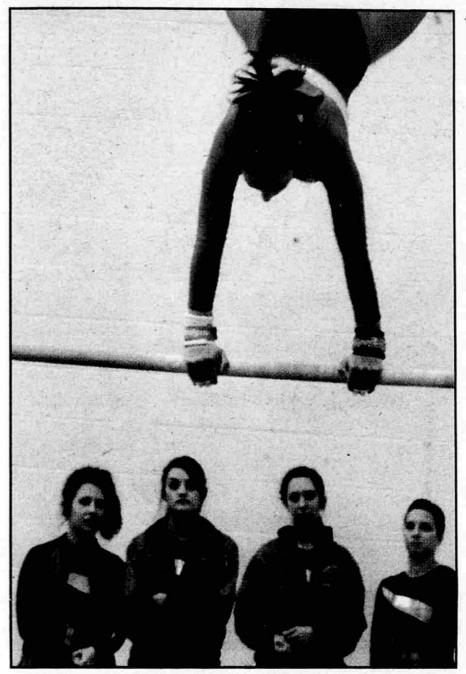
them to the meet. Sometimes it lands a Red The learning started in Michele DeHaan is pleased Arrow on her seat, but the practice, but now has carried learning and progression sits over into the meets. still for nobody.

Trasky, she is one of four miscued on her dismount and

As Lowell gymnasts learn Red Arrows learning the found herself on her back. new skills they are taking fly away dismount on the uneven bars this year.

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In a nonconference dual For example, take Lauren withPortageNorthern, Trasky



Kelsey Teft works the high bar during her DeHaan explained. uneven bar routine.

While the result is not what she wanted, Lowell coach with the determination and persistence she sees in Trasky, Abby Rogalke, Vonda Kyes and Cassie Miles.

"It's great the girls are excited to learn and try new skills. The fly away dismount adds difficulty to their routines." DeHaan said.

At the same time, the coach stresses that it is not always what you're doing but how you're doing it. Doing the simple things well is also important.

On the vault, Lowell's Kelsey Teft has been practicing the tsukahara (a 1/2 twist going on with a oneand-a-half twist coming off the bar). She is on schedule to attempt it in a meet against Forest Hills Central this week.

RedArrow Morgan McVey earned "Beam Queen" honors this week for completing her outine without a fall. The routine scored a 7.95 against Kenowa Hills.

"Our team score against Kenowa was our highest this year. The nerves of our young gymnasts are going away,'



Kenowa Hills. Portage 129.125

Lowell 121.675 Vault Kelsey Teft 8.6

Abby Rogalke 7.95 Morgan McVey 7.95 Sarah Piell 7.9

Bars

Kelsey Teft 7.8 Abby Rogalke 6.8 Sarah Piell 6.8 Lauren Trasky 6.25

Beam Kelsey Teft 8.6 Cassie Miles 7.2

Lowell loses games and two starters

by Thad Kraus

Lowell was outscored 12-1 in the second quarter team in the O-K White Holzhueter. and with it saw its chances of an upset over Grand Rapids Christian die.

game of the year, 47-28.

we committed a lot of mental errors and had some turnovers," said Lowell basketball coach Danielle Gallert.

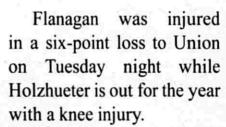
Lowell (5-4, 2-1) was outscored 24-7 over the middle two periods and trailed 31-17 going into the final quarter.

basketball program and their kids work hard," Gallert said.

Her respect for the Eagles was returned by Christian coach Charlotte Muller.

"Any time you play against a Gallert-coached team they are going to play good, tough defense and be scrappy," Muller explained.

minus two of its starters, Lowell played the top Taylor Flanagan and Kallie



Flanagan is also expected to miss the remainder of the season.

Brooke Curtis led all Red Arrow scorers with nine points while Katie Tompkins and Bryleigh Loughlin each contributed with six points apiece.

The Eagles, with the victory, are now 3-0 in the league and 9-0 overall.

In its 52-46 loss to Union the Red Arrows jumped out to an 8-2 lead before its starting point guard (Flanagan) was injured.

"I think the girls panicked a little after that," Gallert said. "They played well in spurts but never were able to get over the hump."

Tompkins led Lowell in scoring against the Red Hawks with 17 points. Curtis and Loughlin both netted 10 points each.



Lowell's Katie Tompkins finds room along the baseline in her drive to the bucket against the Eagles.

The Red Arrow girls' basketball team built a 10-7 lead over the opening eight minutes before the wheels came off in losing their fourth

"After that first quarter

"Christian has a great

Abby Rogalke works on the balance beam in Lowell's meet against

Jorie Bennett 7.0 Abby Rogalke 6.6

Floor Kelsey Teft 9.225 Morgan McVey 7.625 Abby Rogalke 7.55 Becky Chamberlain 7.35

Lowell 123.975 Kenowa Hills 133.65

Vault Kelsey Teft 8.85 Morgan McVey 8.05 Abby Rogalke 8.0 Sarah Piell 7.8

Bars

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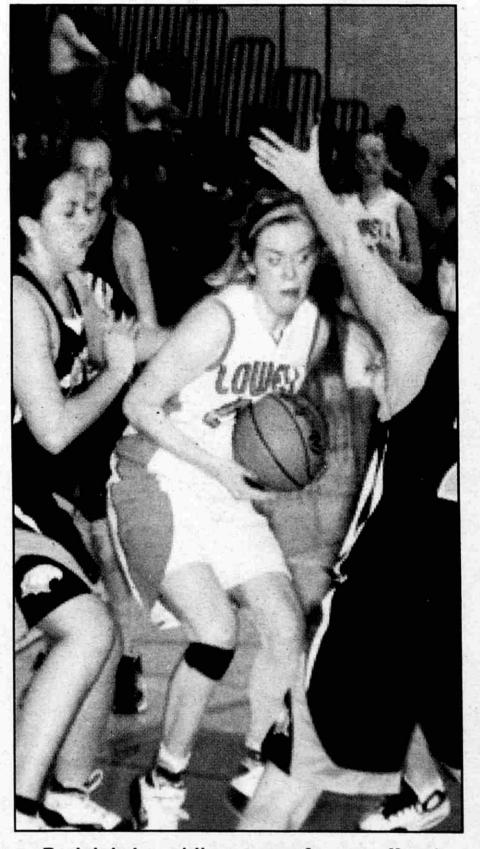
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Cassie Miles 8.15 Morgan McVey 7.95 Kelsey Teft 7.9 Abby Rogalke 7.4

Floor

Kelsey Teft 9.175 Morgan McVey 8.025 Abby Rogalke 7.875 Sarah Piell 7.575





Bryleigh Loughlin scraps for an offensive rebound against Grand Rapids Christian.

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Late three drains Lowell of victory against Union

by Thad Kraus

Grand Rapids Christian boys' basketball coach Mike Spicer feared two things explained. "The worst thing heading into Friday's game at Lowell, a slow start by his Eagles and a fast start by the Lowell starts quickly and Red Arrows.

He got neither and he liked it!

were ready to go from beginning," Spicer the that could have happened is we get off to a slow start and then we've got a dog fight on our hands for 32 minutes."

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Instead, the Eagles "Our concern coming (7-1, 3-0) started fast and dagger."

controlled things throughout in a 49-28 O-K White win over Lowell.

Christian led 16-5 after one quarter; 28-10 at half and 41-19 after three quarters.

"Christian has speed and it can shoot," said Lowell basketball coach Jeff McDonald. "That's a there.

Lowell's Elliott Drain turns the corner on his defender in Friday play against Grand Rapids Christian.

Lowell seemed a littl short on all three against the Eagles, mainly shooting.

"We must be able to score the basketball. Defensively, can live with what we did tonight," McDonald said "We want games in the 40's, but tonight we didn't get

Isaac Tawney was the only Lowell player to score in double figures. The senior finished with 12.

In Lowell's 60-54 loss to Union on Tuesday, the Red Arrows found themselves down just two with a little under two minutes to play.

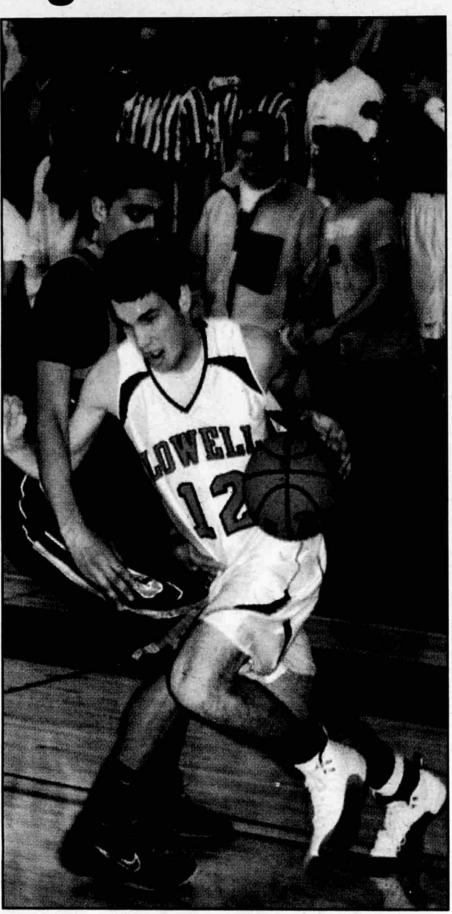
The Red Hawks, however, netted a one-pass triple to extend their lead to five. A lead Lowell was not able to overcome.

Tawney led all Lowell scorers with 20 points. Derek Cornish netted 13 and Jon Hanson tallied eight.

Laden Carnegie led Union in scoring with a game-high 22 points.

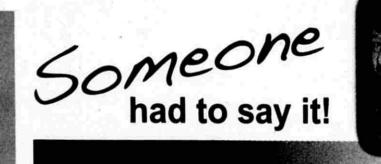
The Red Arrows trailed 13-4 early before rallying to take a 20-18 lead. Lowell trailed 26-20 at the half.

Things don't get any easier for Lowell as it has a nonconference game with Forest Hills Central and then a league game with East Grand Rapids on Friday.



in first half action against the Eagles.





When it was learned Lakeshore Invitational st summer that Lowell's wrestling program would believe the flip was huge in be bumped up to Division determining the outcome I, many Red Arrow fans of Lowell and Lakeshore's Viking touchdown. gasped.

Now nearly five weeks Gary Rivers Memorial No good deed ... into the season that gasp has tournament. changed to a sigh of relief.

Yes, you heard (read) me Lowell's two-time state correctly, a sigh of relief. Division I, while it would wrestle Nick Humes.

Catholic Central, Hartland Morse .did not wrestle and now Lowell, doesn't Humes. appear to be as strong at the One last side note to San Diego, the Jets will top as Division II.

Allegan, Stevensville, Greenville and has beaten Lakeshore at if the Jets, a team the Colts St. Johns.

to judge is the fact that a Arrows were scheduled to up and prevent Peyton and wrestling match can turn on wrestle Lakeshore again. a decision, a pin, or the flip Lowell lost this year, Super Bowl! of a coin.

Some would have you battle on Saturday at the

Thad Kraus

champion Jackson Morse still has Rockford, Detroit The Lancers won the toss,

Saturday's tournament at There, you will find Lakeshore, in each of the Lakeshore- previous three years Lowell What makes it difficult following week the Red

> will the Red Arrows see the Lancers on Saturday?

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Derek Cornish dribbles out of a corner trap

Sticking it to the Cowboys! Leading 27-3 with less than two minutes to play in Sunday's game, Minnesota and Brett Favre chose to throw for a touchdown of running the instead football

How about them Vikings?

I could not have been happier. I wish there would have been time for a sixth

A few weeks back the It determined whether Indianapolis Colts laid down and allowed the Jets to win a game which propelled New York into the playoffs.

> Three weeks later, after two wins against Cincinnati, and Sunday's win over play the Colts in the AFC championship game.

What a twist it would be the Rivers tourney. The are responsible for getting into the playoffs, would rise his boys from reaching the Your Hometown Herces

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Merle is survived by his children, Stacy (Ricardo) Hernandez of Grant, Tracy (Eric Bennen) Sebastain of Newaygo, Veronica (Michael) Vosstelaar of Cedar Springs, Gary Sebastain of Canada, Kim Sebastain of Canada, Cynthia (Reginal) Taylor of Canada, and Lisa Lawrence of White Cloud; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters; a brother; and family friend David Longorial. Funeral services were held on Monday, January 18 at the Crandell Funeral Home in White Cloud. Friends may send a condolence or share a memory online at www.crandellfh.com

SMITH

Saturday, January 16, 2010. She was preceded in at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wyandotte. Interment death by her husband Albert of 62 years. Mrs. Smith St. Patrick Cemetery. Memorials appreciatively directed is survived by her daughter, Delores (Bill) Ellison of to Wyandotte Public Schools Scholarship Foundation.

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Lowell; grandchildren, Bill (Terri) Ellison, Dick (Gerri) Ellison, Deb (Todd) Lenneman; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and friends, especially her closest friend, Phyllis Bender. Funeral service will be Wednesday, January 20 at 2 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral Chapel, 305 N Hudson, Lowell with Pastor Wes Hershberger of Lowell Church of the Nazarene officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

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THORSON

Mary Wharton Thorson, of Wyandotte, passed away January 14, 2010. She was a retired principal of Garfield Elementary School in Wyandotte. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Verth Wharton (Ruth Sullivan) of Wyandotte. Mrs. Thorson is a member of the Sullivan family of Parnell. She is insurance plan may be one survived by her son, T.K. Thorson; brother, Thomas you already have but perhaps Verth Wharton (Andrea); her nephew, Thomas Verth Wharton III (Nicole); and her grandniece. Nora Kathleen Wharton. Of a prominent Michigan and Ontario pioneer paying into Social Security, family. Mary was a dedicated public servant of marked some of your Social Security insight, ability and compassion. Her contributions will taxes go toward survivors continue in the people whose lives she touched and the Ruth I. Smith, age 93, of Lowell, passed away on community she served. Funeral Mass was held Tuesday

year, many folks like to take stock of their situation in life work, health, finances,

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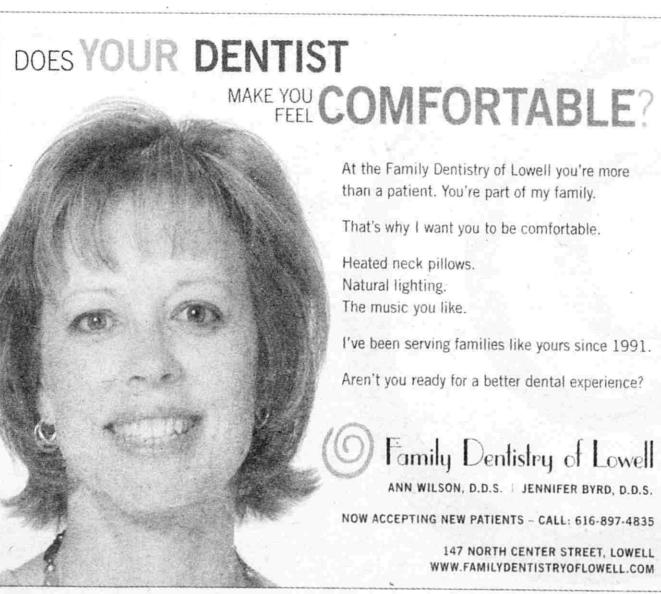
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We would like to thank everyone for their support in making our trip to Pasadena and the Rose Parade a reality. Especially Mary, Rick, Jenny and Victory Club for putting together a successful benefit. A special thanks to Thom Ellis & Dennie Middleton. We will never forget our time in CA. Love Shines!

> Ray, Ronda & Jacquelyn Benedict

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changes to coming events should 9:30-1:30 p.m.; Thurs., 1-5 p.m. BINGO - Every Sunday, 2 p.m. The Moose Rec Hall, 1320 E. Main St. Sponsored by W.O.T.M. Chapter ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY #1388. Open to the public.

> p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5 LA LECHE LEAGUE OF ADA. p.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. CASCADE, LOWELL - 2nd Thurs. 7 p.m. meeting. Support for pregnant/breast-feeding women. Church in Ada. 752-8300.

> 12-6p.m.; Sat., 1-4p.m.; Monday DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP - Meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday son. Visit www.lowell artscouncil. of every month at the Elmdale Church. 11830 Drew Rd. (same as 64th), Alto. Just 3 1/3 miles E. of Marathon Station on M-50. For info call 868-7690.

> 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individual EVERY THURSDAY - Free souper \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members supper at First Congregational Church, 865 Lincoln Lake Ave SE at 6:30 p.m. Public welcome.

current events on the local, state Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Non- ONE - children - adults at Christian & national levels. Bring your denominational. Help for pregnant Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, concerns & issues to our meet-women/adolescents in need. Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. ing for open discussion! Share Provides support, referrals, food, Bible-centered classes for children information about what you can clothing/infantitems. Lowell area. through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is nvited to attend.

Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & 8-9 Thursdays 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. St. p.m.: Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & Patrick's preschool room. Stories, Wed. - Fri., 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 games, crafts, music & snack. Parents with young children welcome. Call Jennifer Post, 897-0251 or Pantry 897-8260, Emergency SHOTGUN&ARCHERYSHOOT- Sally Goffer, 863-4952 with any questions

> Contact Al Potas 698-2051 or STORYTIMEAT THE SARANAC PUBLIC LIBRARY - Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

> of old Masonic Temple, one block DATION SUPPORT - 1st Thursoff of Main St. Living Sober Group day, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at 250 Cherry, meets Mon., Wed. and Fri. nights Lacks Cancer Center, Grand Rapids.

BLUEGRASS JAM - 1st and 3rd Thursday. Kountry Korner of Alto. 6077 Linfield. Call 868-6371.

SARANAC AREA MUSICIANS Practice Thursdays at Saranac High School band room. Choir: 6-7 p.m. Band: 7-8 p.m. Call Kathy at 897-5981.

KEEP IT SIMPLE ADDICTIONS SUPPORT GROUP - Socialization & peer support for recovering addicts. Meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Raya building. Contact Charlene, 897-7636 or Carrie. 897-7303 for more info.

QUARTER BINGO - 2nd Thurs. of each month, 1-5 p.m. 2 cards for a quarter. 50% payback w/100% payback hourly specials. Open to the public. The Moose Rec Hall 1320 E. Main St. Sponsored by W.O.T.M. Chapter #1388.

AMERICAN LEGION CLARK ELLIS POST 152 - meets the fourth Monday at 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. a the Alto American Legion Post

V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

LOWELLSHOWBOATGARDEN CLUB - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fel lowship Hall, 211 N. Washingtor St. at 7 p.m.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 1 and up or completing 5th grade Call Scoutmaster Randy Jesberg at 897-4569 or Del Rockwell a 897-6814.

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and components, \$1.3 billion of which was awarded to Michigan-based companies and projects.

Consumers won an important victory in May, when the president signed the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility, and Disclosure Act of 2009. The bill, based on legislation I introduced in 2007, curbs abuses such as retroactive interest rate hikes and charging interest on debt paid on time.



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THURS: Baked chicken nuggets & dinner rol (turkey & cheese on bur also offered at Alto, Chern Creek & Murray Lake potatoes mashed peaches, milk.

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And Congress approved plans to expand and help preserve portions of Pictured **RocksNationalLakeshoreand** Keweenaw National Historic Park in the Upper Peninsula, designate the historic War of 1812 battlefield on the River Raisin near Monroe as a national battlefield park, and secure \$475 million for a Great Lakes restoration initiative.

the Senate approved historic legislation to reform our health care system. Though no legislation on such a complex topic will be perfect, I am optimistic that we will soon send the president a final piece of legislation that is a historic step toward providing affordable, secure out-of-control costs.

GREG VAN STRIEN

health care for almost all Americans

On the Senate Armed Services Committee. which I chair, much of our attention has focused on war in Afghanistan. Now that the president has ordered additional combat deployments, I have urged him, and will continue to urge him, to make the development of Afghan At the end of the year, forces our primary mission.

> passed the Weapons Systems crisis Acquisition Reform Act of 2009, which I authored with Sen. John McCain. The legislation takes important steps to prevent cost overruns and eliminate programs with

made some progress in 2009, despite the negative economic climate that so pervaded the year. Let me close by outlining my hopes for 2010.

First, we can promote job creation quickly and strongly. I am hopeful Congress can act early this year on legislation to boost job creation. And I hope we can approve strong, comprehensive legislation to reform the excesses in our On another longtime financial system that helped priority of mine, Congress , bring about the economic

> We must also be vigilant in protecting our Great Lakes, including urgent action to prevent Asian carp from entering the lakes. I and other Great Lakes lawmakers are urging additional emergency action to stop the spread of these invasive fish.

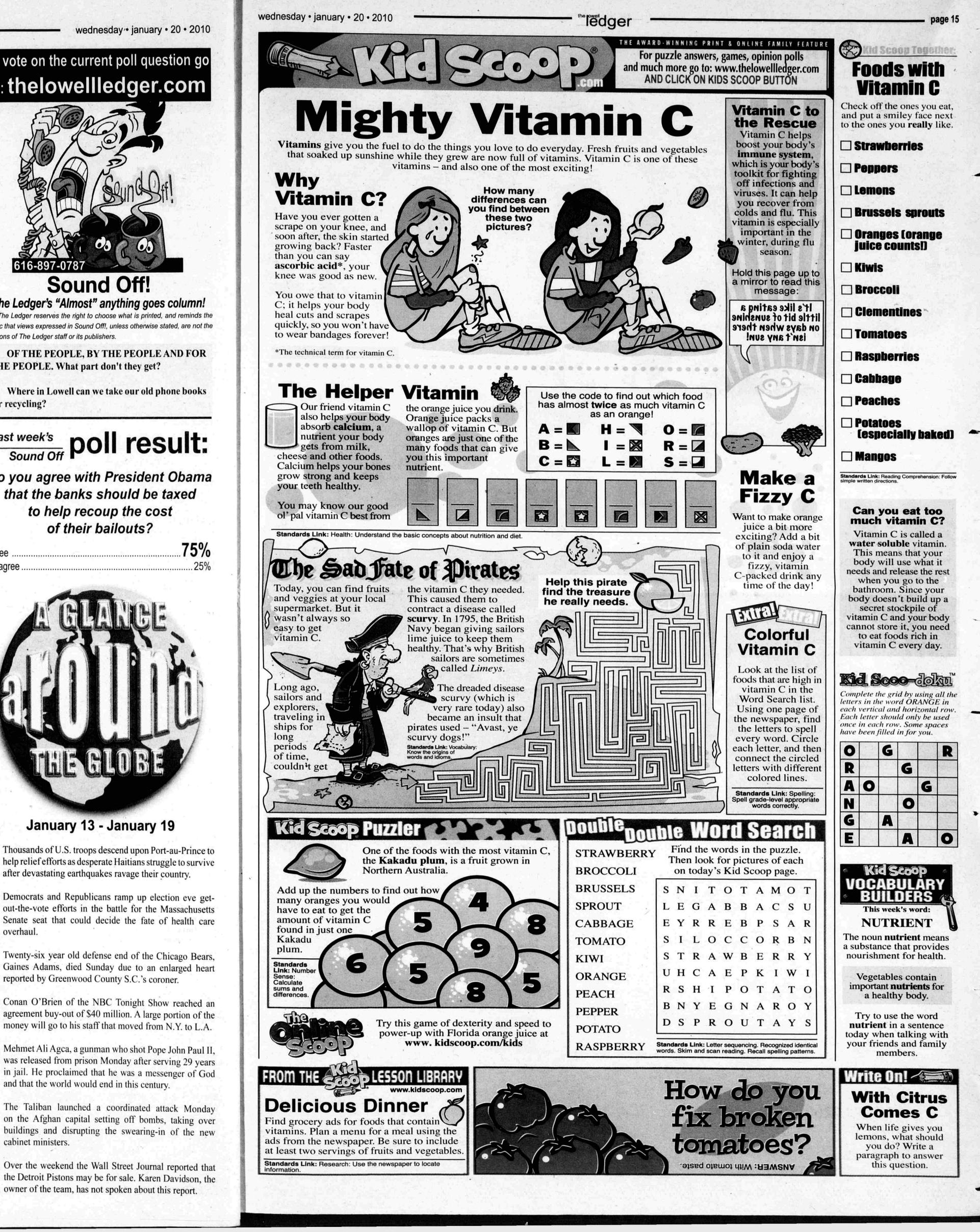
I'm optimistic about Michigan's future, despite ne great challenges we face. Av best wishes to everyone our great state for a happy nd healthy New Year.

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Helping Haiti, continued

Destine, along with his brothers, sisters and mother, have been granted asylum to stay in the USA. They will soon receive green cards for permanent residency. Destine works as a sales representative for Tamarack ATV Accessories in Lowell and he is starting his own business, A+ Solutions, that

will be employing mainly youth. The business will offer house and business valet services.

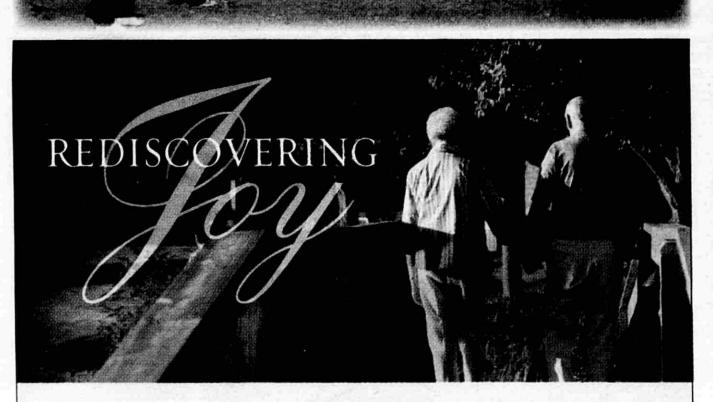






These pictures were taken by Marcel Destine and emailed to his son Nehemie. More pictures will be posted on the Ledger website later this week at www.thelowellledger.com





Practical Strategies for Handling Dementia and Depression

Thursday, January 21, 6:00pm

Dementia and Depression are physical, chemical ailments that cause emotional distress — for both the sufferer and family members. Cindy Pio, RN from Care One Home Health Services, will share strategies to help us understand these conditions and minimize their emotional strain.

Snacks and coffee will be provided. Seating is limited, so please RSVP to guarantee your spot.



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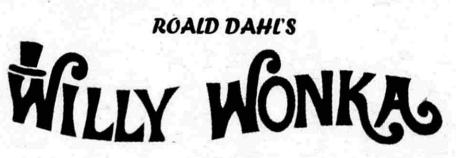
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