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Community mourns as Lowell soldier laid to rest

by Emma Palova

Sgt. Lucas Beachnaw, 23, of Lowell, was laid to rest last Friday in St. Johns at South Bingham Cemetery. Beachnaw died of wounds in small arms fire in east Afghanistan on Jan. 13 and he was brought back to Lowell a week later, greeted by crowds lining the streets.

His funeral at the Ada Bible Church was attended by hundreds of friends, family, comrades and area VFWs and color guards. Many traveled from other parts of the country and even from around the world because Beachnaw was stationed in Vicenza, Italy. Fellow soldiers carried his flag draped casket to the front of the church with a large screen to the haunting sounds of bagpipes.

The highly emotional ceremony with outbreaks of sobbing in the full church

was officiated by pastor Jeff Manion with Beachnaw's friend Rose Nakao playing 'Wish' on the piano.

"As we age as parents, we're never prepared to bury our children," said Manion. "Our words cannot remove the wake of your tears."

Chaplain Rick Brooks of Wyoming Armory delivered the invocation.

"We must pay homage to a soldier," he said. "He is a hero of the highest caliber. Our challenge is living in the midst of peace and war."

Manion spoke of Beachnaw's love of the outdoors, sense of adventure and humor. Once, with his sister Terra, Beachnaw set up jumps in the basement with low ceilings where they rollerbladed for hours.

"He had no fear," said Manion.

In school, Beachnaw was known as a prankster while



mom was constantly on speed dial with the assistant principal.

He walked across the stage for his graduation in 2004 with borrowed honors cords.

"He misspelled with a level of consistency," said Manion.

But, he ranked at the top as a soldier and in Pathfinder School. His fellow soldiers, Sgt. Patrick O'Briant and Sgt. Justin Crivello, spoke highly of Beachnaw.

"I love Luke like a brother," O'Briant said. "If you met him only once, you loved him immediately."

Sgt. Justin Crivello said Luke meant a lot to all his fellow soldiers.

"It's hard to say goodbye to your best friend," he said.

Crivello jokingly spoke of a time in Rome when Beachnaw used Crivello's five-year-old daughter as a babe magnet.

"When I go back overseas, I will get to finish things Luke didn't finish," he said.

Cousin Kenny Lowell spoke about the youthful wrestling matches with Beachnaw before he grew up to be 6'3" tall.

"I retired from wrestling matches with him," Lowell

said. "He grew up to be big and strong."

Lowell said Beachnaw loved his motorcycle, although he crashed it only 36 hours after getting it.

"Most of all, he loved his mom," said Lowell. "He is a hero among heroes and a friend of many people. He loved to pull pranks and schemes."

Fighting back tears, Lowell read the planned inscription for Beachnaw's headstone: "We sleep soundly in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those that would cause us harm."

And Beachnaw was one of those rough men, according to his soldier friends.

Towards the end, Manion read a quote from the Gladiator: "What we do in life echoes in eternity."

The ceremony wrapped up with 'Amazing Grace' sung by Nakao.



Flag-lined bridge along the procession route. Photos by Emma Palova

Concerts on Riverwalk will continue downtown - DDA to hear marketing plan for businesses during construction

by Emma Palova

Riverwalk and Sizzlin' Summer concerts are here to stay. That is in the downtown area, even during the upcoming bridge project.

As the DDA approved \$5,500 for the Sizzlin' Summer concert series, Lowell Area Arts Council director Lorain Smalligan said the money will be used for marketing.

"We don't want to get

people dissuaded because of the bridge," said Smalligan. "We're going to keep them downtown. We're not moving them."

Chamber director Liz Baker stressed the bridge will not get in the way of downtown events. Monroe Street, along with all the parking lots, will stay open. Eastbound traffic will be maintained throughout the project, while the westbound

traffic will be detoured using Grand River Drive.

Downtown merchants, along with the chamber, have been meeting and brainstorming creative ideas to keep the area businesses thriving during construction, according to Baker.

Maps with designated parking lots will be posted on Lowell Area Chamber's website, as well as signage throughout town.

"We're not going to let the bridge get in our way," said Baker.

The Downtown Development Authority will hear a marketing plan and request for funds during the bridge project at the next March 4 meeting at noon.

"We will incorporate the bridge project into our marketing plan," said Baker.

Baker expects that the

west end of town will also be impacted during the project as well because people may use Grand River Drive to get out of town, instead of going back to M21.

"We will pull in a bigger team," said Baker.

In related business, Greg Canfield was sworn in as a new DDA board member.

City to install new decorative lights



Director of Public Works, Dan DesJarden, displays new globes.

by Emma Palova

The downtown area may soon get new decorative lights with compact fluorescent bulbs since the old globes have been falling off from posts due to decay.

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) directed Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden to prepare a budget for globe replacement, and possible reduction of the number of overall lights.

"My main concern is the immediate downtown," said DesJarden. "The globes have been blowing off."

Some globes have already been replaced in the Chamber parking lot. DesJarden is looking for consistency and less trespassing of light to limit light pollution in the city.

The proposed cast aluminum globes for \$291 reduce light trespass by reflecting light downward. There is a total of 181 decorative lights throughout the downtown area.

The compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) reduce energy use by 50 to 70 percent. The total cost to replace the lights is estimated at \$65,000. However, CFL bulbs last up to three times longer than regular bulbs. CFL bulbs can last up to eight years.

"They save energy, reduce light trespass and lower CO2 emissions at the power plant," said DesJarden.

DesJarden said no one has noticed the difference in light coming from the replaced 42 watt bulbs

and globes at the Chamber parking lot.

Also in a joint effort to be green, the Lowell Light & Power replaced farm head street lights with 65 watt compact fluorescent bulbs on North Monroe and North Washington streets.

Chairman Jim Reagan questioned if some lights in downtown could be eliminated. The current lights were put in place in 1996 as part of the streetscape project.

"We could take some lights out if we are going to be changing them," said Reagan.

City manager Dave Pasquale said it makes a lot of sense to switch the lights for cost savings and to reduce light trespass.

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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.

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WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT
 Retired art teacher Lynn Anderson will exhibit her watercolor paintings at Fire and Water Art Gallery, 219 W. Main St., Feb. 1 - 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays and Saturdays -11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

YOUTH LACROSSE REGISTRATION
 Registration for 1-4th grade boys and girls is Feb. 5 and Feb. 26, 5-7 p.m. at Cherry Creek gym or online at www.teamz.com/lowelllacrosse

CLASS OF 2014
 Orientation for the Class of 2014 will be held at Lowell High School on Wed., Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Parents and students are invited to learn about high school policies, requirements, and opportunities. Teachers, as well as group/activity leaders, will be available for questions.

TEDDY BEAR DRIVE
 Donate teddy bears for police officers and fire fighters to give to children who have experienced a traumatizing situation. To help comfort these children, bring a NEW 10" to 14" teddy bear to the Lowell High School main office. The drive goes until Fri., Feb. 12.

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! For more information or to borrow a script for review, call or visit the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson.

IRISH SETTLERS WORKSHOP
 The Lowell Area Historical Museum will hold an Irish Settlers Workshop for youth on Sat., Feb. 20 at the Wittenbach/Wege Center from 9 to 2 p.m. Each student will choose to participate in two of 4 classes. An Irish lunch will be served. Class size is limited. Call Linda to register, 897-7688.

UKRAINIAN EGG DECORATING
 The Lowell Area Historical Museum will have a class on Ukrainian egg decorating for adults taught by Linda Busman on Feb. 27 from 10-2 p.m. Call Linda at the museum to register, 897-7688.

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.

I look to the future because that's where I'm going to spend the rest of my life.
 - George Burns (1896 - 1996)

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Making plans Dave Stegehuis

When Christmas retail displays turn up shortly after Halloween, it seems like that may be rushing the season. We are just getting used to winter and now spring and summer fishing and boating shows have begun opening across the country. It would seem like we are rushing the season again.

But don't let the winter landscape lull you into complacency. Now is the time to begin planning for upcoming vacations, fishing expeditions, and hunting adventures.

From now through April, there are a number of outdoor shows scheduled in southern Michigan. The Huntin' Time Expo begins Friday at the Delta Plex Center. There will be plenty of gear to check out and outfitters from around

the country and around the world will be there to answer questions and book that hunt of a lifetime. Future shows will focus on fishing, deer and turkey hunting, boating, recreational vehicles, and a variety of other outdoor interests.

Traveling hunters should start booking with outfitters for big game and small game hunts. A serious concern for the international sportsman is having an up to date passport. It takes some time to get or renew a passport. Some countries may have limits on the expiration date of a current passport. Hunters planning on hunting out of state need to determine deadlines for applying for game tag drawings.

National and state parks and private campgrounds

located in popular vacation destinations fill up at certain times of the year. Reservations should be made where possible as soon as the decision is made to go.

Now is also a good time to check out the condition of boats, motors and other equipment. If parts or repairs are needed, the off-season is a good time to get things done. The days just before a holiday weekend are the busiest time of the year for marine and R.V. related businesses, so it may be difficult to get equipment serviced in time to use.

Not having looming deadlines takes the stress out of making decisions and solving problems. Dealing with these issues early can also provide a cure for a case of cabin fever. Anticipating and preparing for the new season is an important and enjoyable part of the outdoor experience.

Planning commission sets public hearing for temporary garages

by Emma Palova

Temporary soft-sided garages may be allowed in the city pending public hearing and planning commission approval set for Feb. 22.

The proposed dimensions of these structures are 24 feet by 24 feet and 12 feet in height. They may be allowed for three years with one extension.

"I am happy with the dimensions," said commissioner Maryalene LaPonsie. "Having a time limit is good. This is as close to a consensus as we're going to get."

Commissioner Jim Hall remained vocal about his opposition to the soft-sided garages.

"It talks about historic neighborhoods, a quaint city. I don't think temporary garages add to it at all. Read the document."

Under the ordinance, soft-sided structures must be securely anchored and maintained in good repair and condition.

In related business, the commission heard an update on the O.E. Bieri & Sons gravel north of Grand River Drive. Dale Bieri said the business is slow and mainly processes gravel.

"We've had no complaints," said Jim Hall. "It's a good operation."

The planning commission granted a special use permit to O.E. Bieri & Sons to initiate gravel mining in 1992 based on annual review.

Commissioner Laurie Noall has been elected as chair, and commissioner Clark Jahnke as vice-chair.

The planning commission tabled further review of the lighting ordinance and joint signage ordinance with Lowell Township which have been deferred from previous meetings.

LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU
 Week of
 Feb. 1, 2010

MON: French toast sticks/ syrup and scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

TUES: Chicken strips w/ dinner roll (ham & cheese wrap also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes & gravy, fresh fruit, milk.

WED: Tony's pepperoni pizza (chili w/crackers also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), broccoli, warm baked apples & milk.

THURS: Chicken patty on bun (bagel w/yogurt & peanut butter also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), oven potatoes, orange smiles, milk.

FRI: Baked mini corn dogs (hamburger on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), coleslaw, assorted fruit, milk.

college news

Benedictine College has recognized those students who have distinguished themselves academically during the last semester. Nathanael Taylor, of Lowell, was recently named to the Dean's List for the fall semester, which ended December 15, 2009.

Full time students with a minimum of 12 credit hours and a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 are named to the Dean's List.

Michigan Technological University honored the achievements of nearly 400 graduates Dec. 12 at midyear commencement.

Among them was Nicholas Duley, of Ada,

with a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering.

Erin Beddows of Ada, was among those honored on the Lewis University Dean's List for fall semester 2009. To be eligible for this honor, students must have

completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of credit with a grade point average of 3.25 out of a possible 4.0.

Tracey Johnson was recently named to the Dean's List at Grand Rapids Community College. Johnson's parents are David and Karen Johnson.

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BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Please take notice that there will be a budget hearing on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 followed by a regular meeting of the Lowell Township Board. The hearing will be held at 7:00 PM at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. At such time, in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenues of the Township shall be submitted for consideration. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Township Hall during regular office hours.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

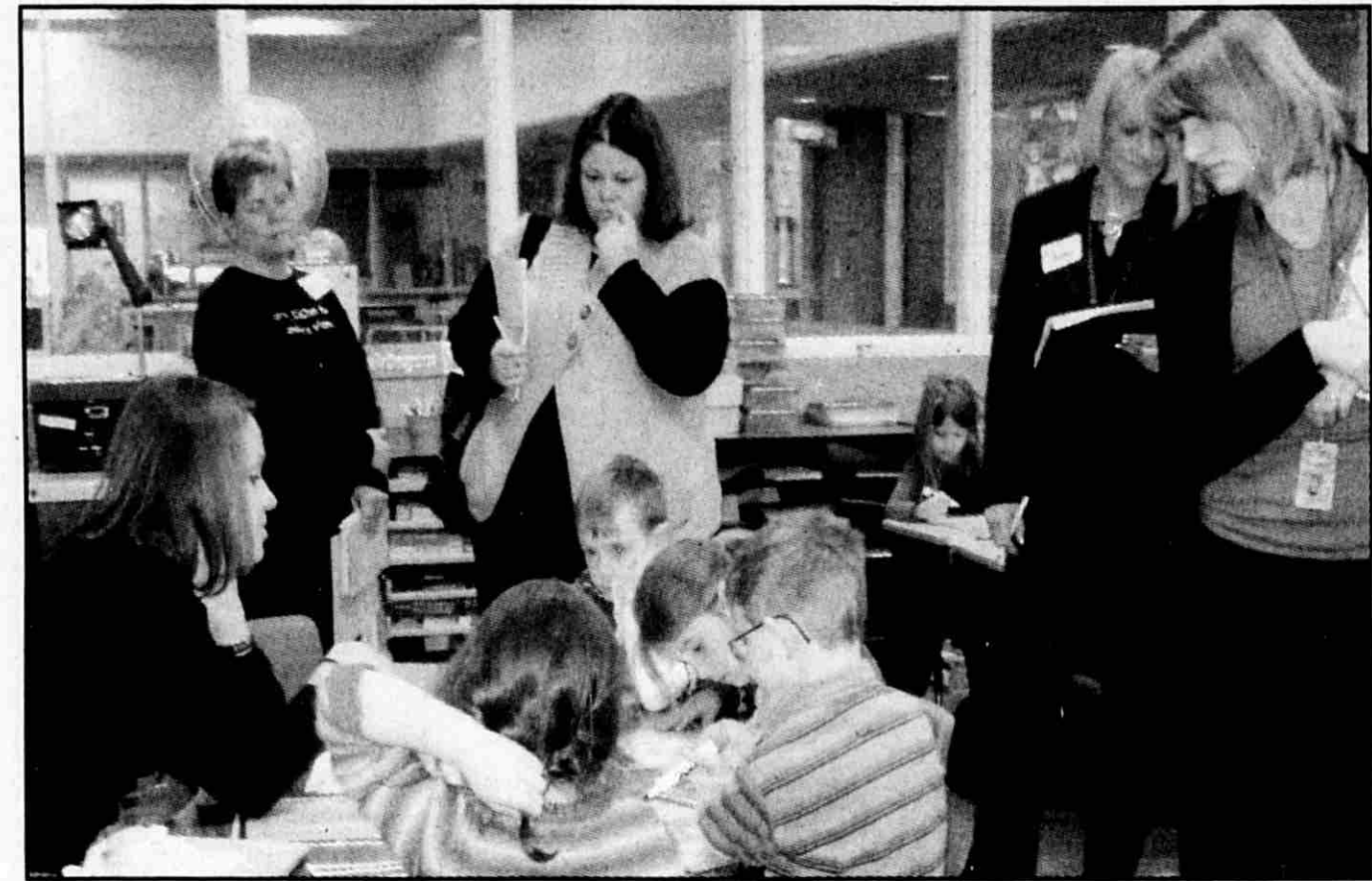
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Elementary schools work to nurture young readers

Bushnell and Cherry Creek Elementary Schools are working with a national reading organization, the 95 Percent Group, to support student readers in grades K-three. This work is being funded by Lowell Area Schools and a special grant from the Kent Intermediate School District. The second of three annual site visits to the schools took place recently. Stacey Brown, consultant from 95 Percent Group, provided professional development with Response to Intervention (RTI) to young fives through third grade teaching staff.



"This ongoing journey is exciting. Classroom teachers in both buildings are developing specialized intervention instruction skills in the area of literacy," states Karen Burd, principal of Bushnell Elementary. Teachers utilize DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Beginning Early Literacy Screener) three times yearly, blending scores of different sub skills to determine benchmark, strategic or intensive reading levels. RTI training has given teachers skills in determining reading accuracy and fluency. Additionally, regular screening of students is targeting precise instruction needs for small group reading instruction which occurs each day for 30 minutes beyond the typical 90 minute reading block.

Shelli Otten, Cherry Creek principal, noted that Cherry Creek's staff is being recognized in an upcoming publication by the 95 Percent Group. The staff has developed a reading instruction library with specific reading skill materials organized in labeled bins. The 95 Percent Group will share Cherry Creek's organizational plan with other schools in the country.

RTI work with the 95 Percent Group is in its third year of implementation at Bushnell and second year at Cherry Creek. Brown stated that, "The Lowell district can be very proud of this staff. Teachers' depth of understanding of the reading process, their ability to utilize data to provide specific and appropriate instruction in response to what data is telling about a child's growth in the reading process, is impressive."

Research has shown that twenty minutes of small group intervention instruction at kindergarten would require two hours of one-on-one instruction at fourth grade to achieve the same degree of growth. "It is our plan to provide RTI earlier, as the data determines a need, improving the reading skills of all children," states curriculum director Roger Bearup.

Bushnell staff participated in a question and answer session followed by observations of intervention instruction by Stacey Brown and teachers.

Lower income could mean lower Part B premiums

If you have Medicare and you pay a higher Part B premium due to your higher income, here's some news that may be comforting during these troubling economic times.

If you have experienced a significant reduction in your overall income, it could result in a reduced Medicare Part B premium as well.

The significant reduction in income can be as a result of a number of changes: marriage, divorce or annulment, death of a spouse, work reduction, work stoppage, reduction of income due to a loss of income-producing property, and loss or reduction of certain forms of pension income.

If any one of these events has happened to you, just provide Social Security evidence of the event and tell us how it has reduced your income. Evidence could be a death certificate, letter from your employer about your loss of work, or something of that nature. If you filed a federal income tax return for the year in question, we'll need to see your signed copy of the tax return. If your income will not change until the following year, you can give us an estimate of what you think your income will be.

Once you show us evidence of the event and provide proof or an estimate of your reduced income, Social Security will update the records and, if appropriate, adjust your Medicare Part B premium.

If you wish to report a significant reduction in your income so we can adjust your Medicare Part B premium, call 1-800-772-1213 or visit your local Social Security office.

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viewpoint

to the editor

To The Editor,

Regarding the latest article from Rep. Dave Hildenbrand, the words of Ronald Reagan come to mind: "there you go again."

The prevailing mantra of Republican lawmakers seems to be "the problem with our schools is the teachers. If we can just get rid of bad teachers everything will be fine."

Granted there are ineffective teachers and some poor teachers. But, a greater truth is that the education mission has to be a team mission. It is critical that parents instill in youth the blessing of education and the youth role in appreciating the majority of teachers who feel called to teach.

A close look at so-called failing schools will reveal problems beyond poor teachers or bad teaching. I know of a dedicated teacher whose class in one year had only three students who were

there the entire year. The rest of the students moved, were from broken homes, etc. Did that teacher fail because the famous (infamous) MEAP scores were low? Not likely.

I am all for high quality teachers and teaching. I am also for a recognition by lawmakers, parents and the community at large that education is a team effort and that we applaud the thousands of dedicated teachers who are on the front lines, dealing with all kinds of youth and the issues (problems) impacting their lives.

Vance Dimmick, Jr.

Dear Editor,

Today Lowell changed the way I have felt about this town. I have been one of those people who just live here. As a Vietnam veteran I know the devastating pain of not being welcomed home

by my country, town, friends or family.

But today Lowell revealed its love of country and more importantly, love of its own native son, Sgt. Lucas Beachnaw.

Lowell lined her streets with people of all ages waving flags and veterans saluting as our fallen son's procession passed bringing him back home from battle.

The bridge over the Grand River was lined with our nation's flag in anticipation of the homecoming of our fallen hero. We stood in honor as he passed. Our eyes filled with tears from both grief and pride because he was our son, brother, friend and neighbor.

Today Lowell showed America how to welcome veterans home from battle.

Lowell knows that our sons do not serve as republicans or democrats; neither do they serve their commanders or their government. They serve us, the people.

They do their duty and are ready to give their lives for us. Therefore, it is only

right that we should honor them all with a homecoming as Lowell has extended to Sgt. Beachnaw. I am now proud to be a resident of Lowell.

Sincerely, C.L. Boerema
Lowell Township

To The Editor,

We have all just concluded a very painful week as we celebrated the life of a young man from Lowell who went off to Afghanistan to serve his country. Two weeks ago, Sgt. Luke Beachnaw died in a firefight with the Taliban. There were many facets of last week that moved everyone but I'd like to call attention to one that particularly touched me...the efforts of our Boy Scouts and their leaders who placed the flags on the South Hudson bridge over the Grand River. A stiff east breeze caused them to flutter brilliantly in the sunshine that morning in a manner that seemed to bring a special honor to our fallen hero, Sgt. Beachnaw. At the same time it was also a reflection on those young

men who are Lowell Boy Scouts.

Sometimes overlooked, these Scouts are always present as part of the Memorial Day ceremonies, they remove the flags from the graves of Veterans after Memorial Day, they help place the American flags along Main Street for major events and are always ready whenever help is needed. I'll always remember the night that the Lowell Eagle Scouts, past and present, turned out to salute Colonel Sam Yeiter on his 90th birthday. Colonel Yeiter was himself an Eagle Scout, some 77 years earlier!

Those of us who are veterans stand and salute a valiant young man in Sgt. Beachnaw. He is one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

We would also like to salute the work of our Scout Troop for creating that lasting impression of the **Flags along the bridge**, a picture of honor that will remain forever fixed in our memory!

David L. Thompson,
Lowell American
Legion Post #152

Dear Editor,

As we prepare to close the doors one last time, I would like to take this time to show our appreciation to all our past customers of Good-Thomet Chevrolet-Buick. It truly has been a pleasure to serve everyone. The friendships that have been established will be treasured for many years to come.

This economic depression in the auto industry has been very difficult for all individuals involved. Every dealership in this community is facing very difficult decisions regarding individuals who live and work among us daily. Employment cuts have been made and more are likely to be made before the auto industry can recover from this mess.

As residents of a small, very close community, we all need to look at how the closing of one more business will affect the rest of us. For one thing, we are losing a very important taxpayer at a

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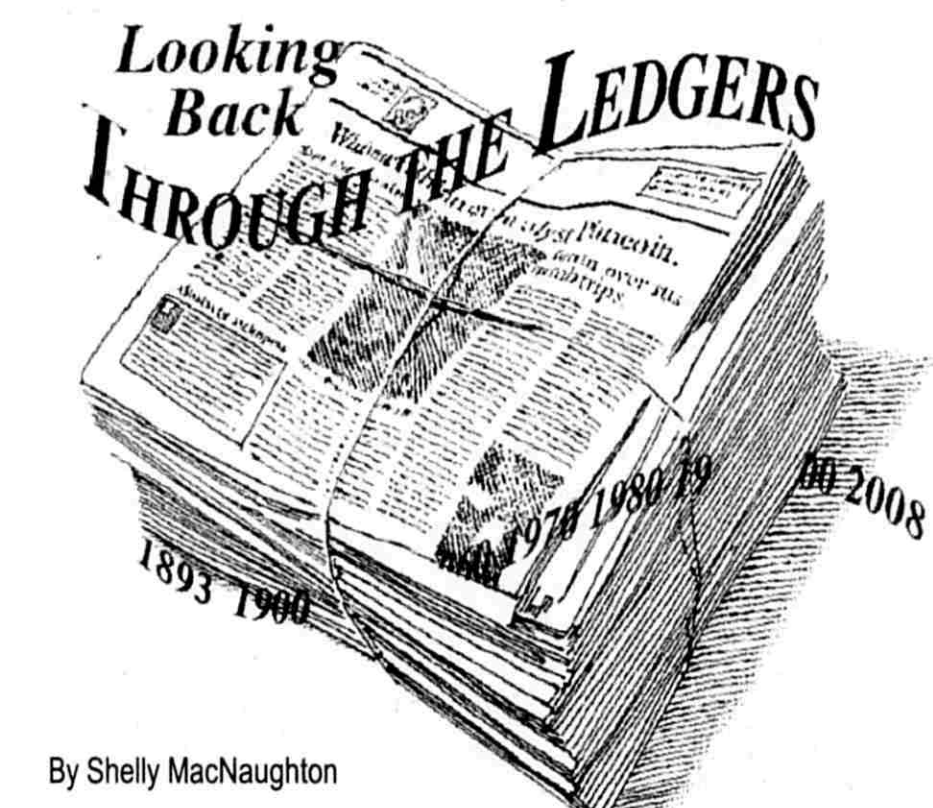
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By Shelly MacNaughton

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo January 31, 1935

The large frame residence on the David McConnell farm in southwest Lowell was almost completely destroyed by fire on Wednesday forenoon of this week. The cause of the fire is thought to have been a defective chimney.

The down-to-zero weather which struck Lowell last week, Wednesday night, caused a heap of trouble in the water service for the stores on Main St. bridge. One of the business places was without water for two days.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger January 28, 1960

At the annual meeting of the Grand Rapids, YMCA in Park Congregational Church in Grand Rapids on Wednesday night it was announced that the estate of Miss Florence King, given for YMCA purposes in Lowell, has reached a total of \$575,000. This fund to be administered by the Grand Rapids' chapter under a Lowell Board of Governors is a memorial to Frank Twining King, founder of the King Milling Co. The estate last fall was first estimated at some \$50,000, then raised to \$300,000; now the final accounting has brought the total to over the half million dollar mark.

125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal January 28, 1885

The Salvation Army had a big time at their banquet Monday night.

Sheriff Kinney has appointed Charles Ernest of Lisbon as deputy sheriff.

Mayor Belknap of Grand Rapids has been blowing up the ice in the river below that city with dynamite.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger January 27, 1910

The Detroit News takes up the statement of James Latham to the effect that present indications point to the biggest flood at Ionia this spring since 1904 and makes some comments which are worthy of consideration.

Mr. Latham has resided on the banks of the Grand River for twenty years and was a member of the Grand River Commission of Observation. In support of his statement he says that the Grand is now covered with snow to an unusual depth.

sharing the vision



LAS Superintendent Greg Pratt

"You Don't Know What You Got, Until it's Gone"

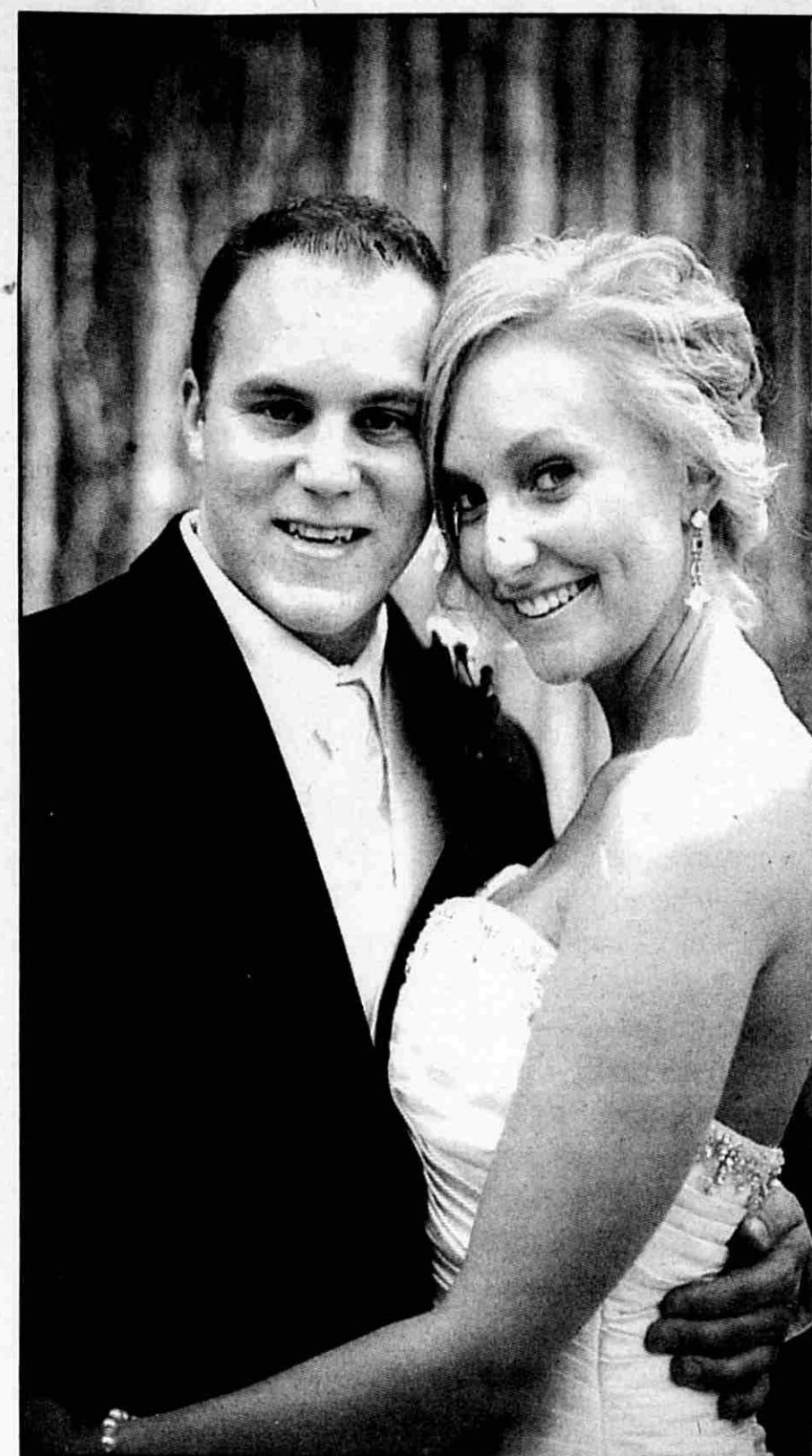
A few months back, *Directions*, we featured an article on working together for the good to assist Lowell businesses and organizations. I spoke about the recession and its impact on our small family owned and operated businesses, and how we have all witnessed them having to close their doors in and around Lowell. Regrettably, since that article, three more downtown businesses have closed. To exacerbate the matter further, the county is planning to do summer work on the bridge, closing Main Street down to one lane. This project will make it difficult for patrons to conveniently access our downtown businesses this summer. Our downtown businesses are endangered. If you are like me, any time you've witnessed a local business having to close their doors you feel disheartened and wish there was something you could have done. Well, there is.

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weddings

Ford/Hunt



Richard and Emily Ford

Emily Hunt and Richard Ford were joined in marriage at First United Methodist Church in Battle Creek on September 26, 2009. Parents of the couple are Dennis and Lavon Hunt of Battle Creek and Robert and Mary Ford of Lowell.

Maids of honor were Jennifer Mummert and Caitlin Meservy. Bridesmaids were Vanessa Schrottenboer, Breann Conkle, and Kristen Tucker. Flower girl was Maci Hayes.

Best men were Joseph Giuliano and Brian Fitzpatrick. Groomsmen were Ryan Kremer, Nathan Hunt, and Richard Tucker. Usher was Spencer Hunt.

In The Service

Sean T. Rinard has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the army ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, East Lansing.

He will be branched to a specific corps in the army to serve on active duty or in the National Guard or Reserve. The lieutenant will attend an officer basic course relating to his particular military occupational specialty/job. Afterward, the officer will complete advanced training by attending basic officer leadership courses for career progression purposes.

The ROTC curriculum prepares students with the tools, training and experiences to help cadets succeed as effective leaders in any competitive environment. Army officers serve as leaders, counselors, strategists and motivators who lead other soldiers in all situations occurring in ever changing environments. As trained problem solvers, key influencers and planners, they are driven to achieve success with their team on every mission.

The lieutenant will be assigned to the 431st Quartermaster Unit, Lansing.

He is the son of Mike and Cindy Rinard, of Alto. Rinard is a 2005 graduate of Jenison High School.

health



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

Asthma

Asthma is a condition where the airways of your lungs become narrowed by inflammation. The airways produce extra mucus that further narrow passages and symptoms can range from mild wheezing, to life threatening shortness of breath.

Asthma signs and symptoms include:

- Shortness of breath
- Chest tightness or pain
- Trouble sleeping caused by shortness of breath, coughing or wheezing
- An audible whistling or wheezing sound when exhaling
- Bouts of coughing or wheezing that are worsened by a respiratory virus such as a cold or the flu

Signs that your asthma is probably getting worse include:

- An increase in the severity and frequency of asthma signs and symptoms
- A fall in peak flow rates as measured by a peak flow meter - a simple device used to check how well your lungs are working
- An increased need to use bronchodilators - medications that open up airways by relaxing the surrounding muscles

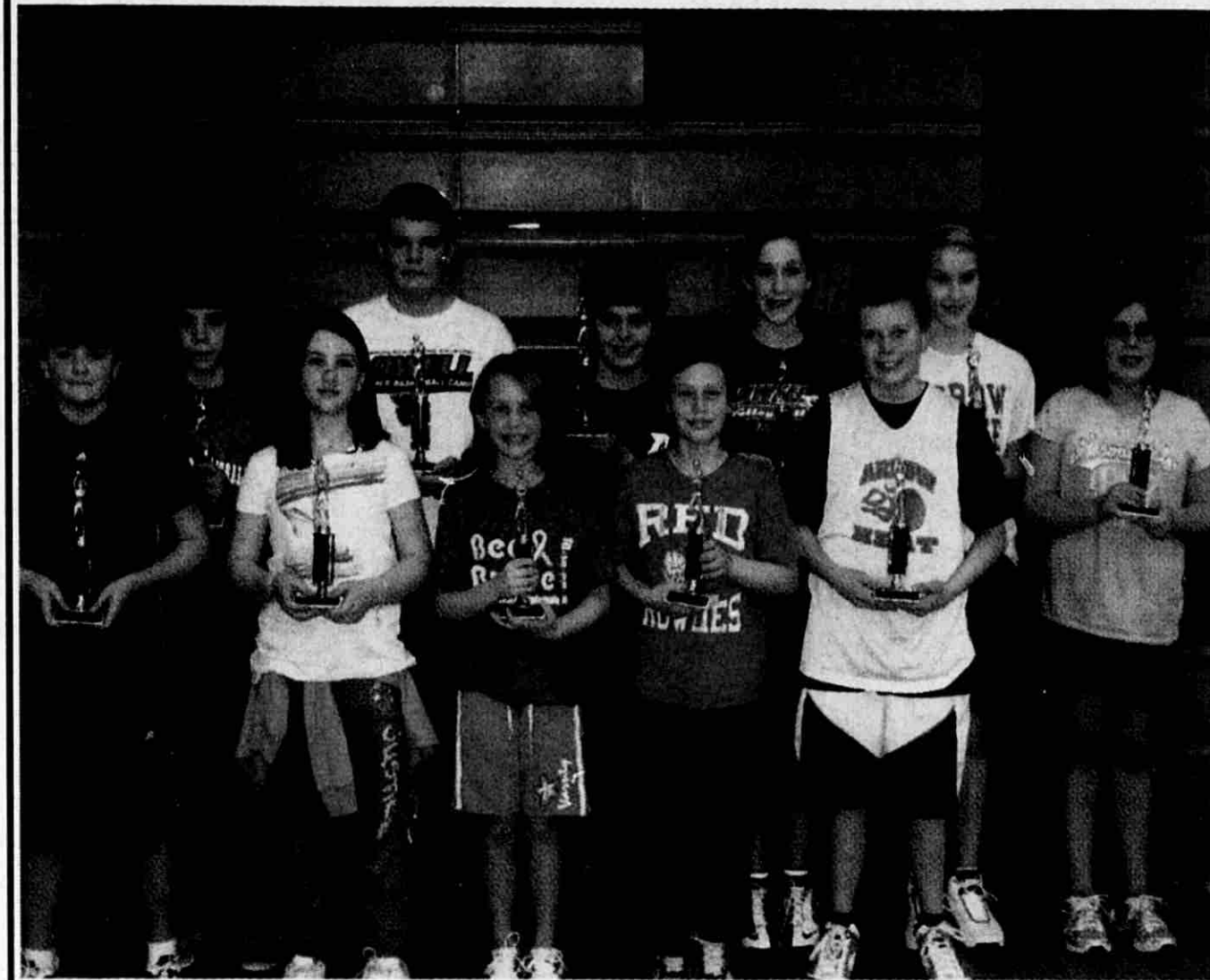
Asthma is triggered by various causes:

- Airborne allergens, such as pollen, animal dander, mold, cockroaches and dust mites
- Respiratory infections, such as the common cold
- Physical activity (exercise-induced asthma)
- Cold air
- Air pollutants and irritants, such as smoke
- Certain medications, including beta blockers, aspirin and other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
- Strong emotions and stress

Asthma treatment varies from person to person depending on the severity of disease and an individual's triggers.

Most people with persistent asthma use a combination of long-term control medications and quick-relief medications taken with a hand-held inhaler. If your asthma symptoms are triggered by airborne allergens, such as pollen or pet dander, you may also need allergy testing. The right medication for you depends on your age and symptoms, and what seems to work best to keep your asthma under control.

Free throw champs



Pictured are the 2010 Lowell Knights of Columbus free throw champions. These local winners will move on to the district competition to be held on Feb. 13 in Pewamo. The Lowell Knights of Columbus, based out of Saint Mary Church in Lowell, hosts the event every January.

Back row, left to right: Trevor Taylor, Tyler Garter, Matthew Milstead, Emma McLane, Katie Holzhueter, and Abigail Cummings; front row, left to right: Bridget Garter, Cassie Dean, Emily Stump, Kenny Stump, and Carter Noskey. Not pictured: Anthony Erhardt.

Sharing The Vision, continued

is something you can do; you can help keep our downtown alive by supporting our local businesses who are truly struggling. Whenever possible, shop local! By doing so, you will help keep a local family in business and you will help fuel the Lowell economy. Think of a downtown business you'd miss the most if it went out of business, and make an effort to stop in the next time an opportunity presents itself. Remember, our downtown businesses and organizations provide the community with support, atmosphere and charm.

In my reflections about the history and importance of local small-town businesses and organizations, and my appreciation of them, I was led to think also about my appreciation for the Lowell community in general. Last month, I invited our parents and community to complete an on-line survey to evaluate and improve the educational programs and services offered by Lowell Area Schools. This survey also measures progress in key goals, and changes in the perspectives of our community that were benchmarked in a 2007 survey. I am pleased that we had a total of 308 survey responses from our parents and residents. Thank you for taking the time to respond. Your feedback is valuable and will be used by the Board of Education as a gauge for strategic planning. That being said, our community members and families give our town a sense of belonging, of people caring and knowing each other. Our community spirit is strong

and clearly evidenced by the way our community rallies behind a cause like the Pink Arrow Project, Relay for Life, and countless other local initiatives. Life in Lowell as we know it would not be the same without you.

Lowell Area Schools are uniquely blessed with the many wonderful teachers and support staff members in our school district. It is not until a long-time teacher who has mastered their craft has decided to retire that students understand the impact they have had on their lives. We can all remember a special lunch lady with the warm smile who served us school lunch as long as we could remember. In our youthful innocence, we assumed

she would be in the lunch room forever, but when we returned to a new school year we were dismayed to find that she chose to enjoy a new life in a Florida retirement community rather than serving us lunch.

The point I am trying to share is simple: help one another, support one another, take advantage of small-town living, and take nothing for granted. Let's all live with appreciation for our small businesses and organizations in Lowell, for our kind-hearted community, for strong district programs, and for devoted staff members, because "You don't know what you got...until it's gone."

Nothing astonishes men so much as common sense and plain dealing.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882)

To the Editor, continued

time when tax revenues are already falling. Secondly, we are losing a business that contributed thousands of dollars in cash, goods, services and vehicles to the schools, city and local clubs and organizations annually.

So take a look at the back of your car. If it has a Good Chevrolet-Buick, Wittenbach GMC, Zeigler Ford or Vennen-Grand sticker on the bumper, thank you for your support of Lowell. If it has one from a Grand Rapids store ask yourself: 1) if you will be able to get Todd Wenzel to donate to the Lowell Touchdown club; 2) if Berger Chevrolet will loan a car for the Lowell Homecoming parade; and/or 3) if Fox Ford will put the poster of the Lowell girls' basketball team up in their showroom. If your paycheck comes from tax dollars paid from local tax revenues - again, take a look at your car. If that car is an import or was not purchased from a Lowell dealership, the tax dollars you paid on that vehicle are NOT supporting the Lowell school district. As many people continue to struggle during these tough economic times, I see how important it is to support all Lowell local businesses (now more than ever) to ensure that our children get the best education possible with revenue from the community.

the purpose of purchasing a dump truck. They didn't say why there wasn't enough money in the equipment fund for the truck. Could it be that the fund has been borrowed against in the past? I call it robbing Peter to pay Paul, but they call it a transfer of funds. It's all about the city and the lack of funding. The city's worn out equipment needs to be replaced and so does our city roads which are twice the age of replacement.

Sincerely,
Kurt Hieshetter
General Sales Manager
Good Chevrolet-Buick

Dear Editor,
The city council produced a congenial atmosphere when citizens stated their feelings about a proposed exclusive waste hauler franchise for the City of Lowell at the Jan. 19 council meeting. It seems that it will be awhile before the council renders a decision. But when that decision is rendered we will know if the city council's decision represents the voice of the people.

It was stated that funds were transferred as a loan from one fund to another for

I believe that the DDA, Downtown Development Association, should shelf the idea of any new project and pay the yearly payment on the police station and city hall which would free up funds in the general fund. I think that would be a great idea. The recent acquisition of air easements for the Lowell Airport confirms to me that Lowell will have a playground for the privileged long after Lowell's city roads turn to gravel.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard
Lowell

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Evelyn was a teacher at Whitteville, Campau Lake, Gove Lake (all one room schools) Cascade and Kettle Lake Schools. Evelyn was a 1927 graduate of Lowell High School. A celebration will be held in PA on her birthday with her family and friends. Evelyn resides at Maria Joseph Manor 875 Montour Blvd., Danville, PA 17821

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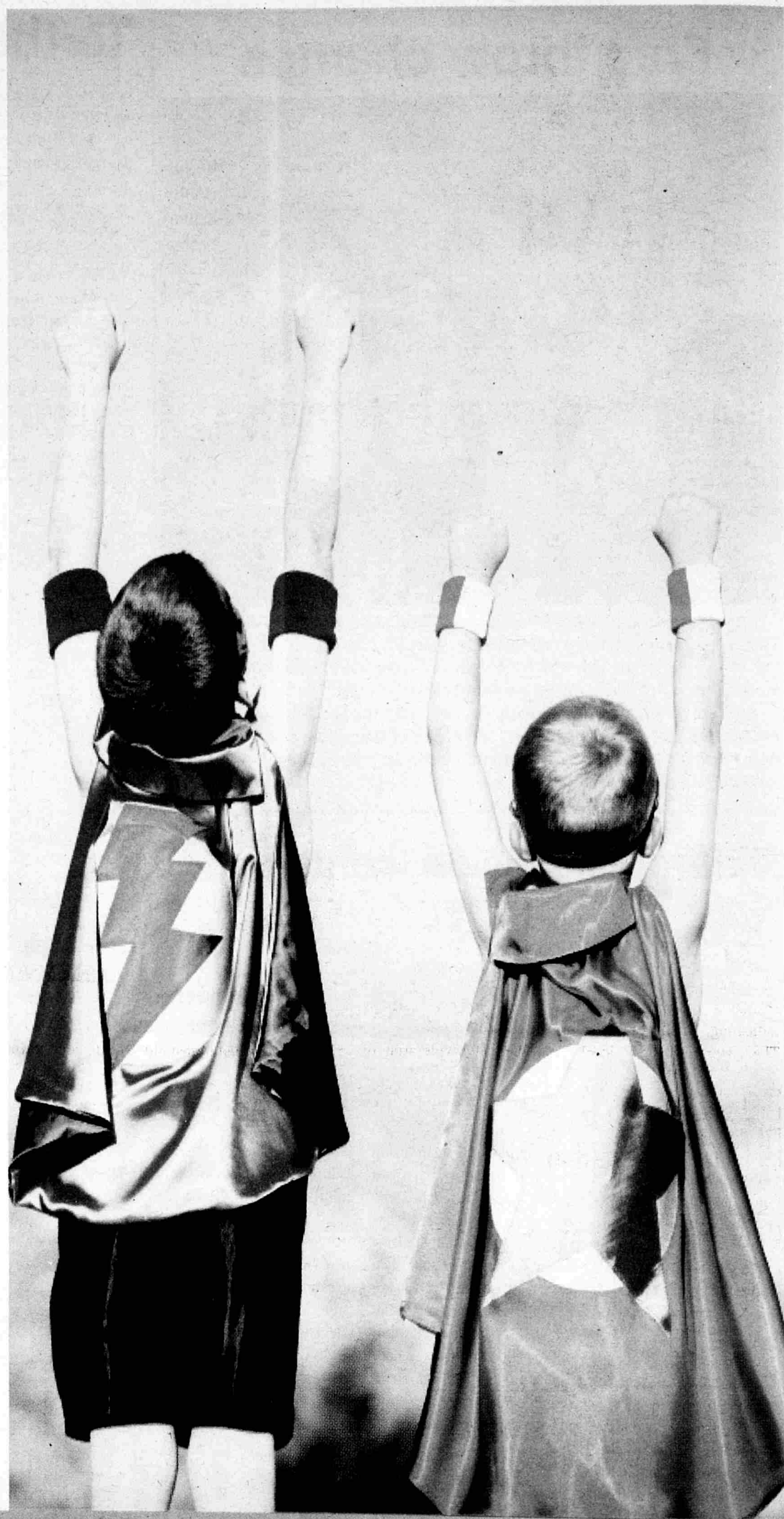
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Virginia and Robert Grile

Position: Parnell Grocery Owner/co-owner
Education: Virginia Grile, LPN
 Robert Grile, Catholic Central Virginia, 10 years at St. Mary's grocery business;
 Robert, Air Force, four years, grocery business since 1965
Experience: Robert, Air Force, four years, grocery business since 1965
Family: Andrew, Brenda, Allen, Margaret and Matthew
Hobbies: Virginia likes reading and knitting
 Robert - dirt track racing

Parnell Grocery celebrates 40 years

by Emma Palova

A wooden board behind the cash register reads Parnell. The sign is one of the few memorabilia from the old Parnell Grocery, along with pictures of the spooky building at night embellishing the annual store calendars.

Virginia and Robert Grile opened up the Parnell Grocery in May of 1970. Most area folks remember the old building, one of the last remaining commercial buildings, along with the gas station next door. Both are long gone, now.

Instead there is the new gray and blue spacious building with large cooler space, ample parking and a good selection of beer, wine and quick groceries. A shamrock adorns the front indicating Irish presence. The store boasts ideal

an engineer, he had always taken care of business well, putting in long hours and getting groceries for the store from Grand Rapids.

The Griles migrated to Parnell from Grand Rapids shortly after getting married in 1969. They acquired the 1888 building in late 1969 from William Byrne. At one time there was a millinery inside, although it has mostly been a grocery. It was closed. They cleaned it up and got it running. For a short time, the Griles lived in the upstairs apartment above the store.

Robert Grile had roots in the area, so it was obvious that the community would support the business. Since it was long before supermarkets, the store was truly a grocery carrying meats and cheeses.

"We had a wide array of



location right across from St. Patrick's Church.

Standing behind the counter, owner Robert Grile has always been visible and one on one with the customers. With arms folded, Grile loves to chat about anything and everything under the sun. The talk can start about the weather and end up with politics, or the other way around. Grile likes to share his feelings about snow.

"I don't like to push that white stuff around," he says.

For Grile, who started in the grocery business in 1965 at the Midnight Stop in Grand Rapids, the store has been his life. His wife Virginia attests to that. In the beginning, he even ran both stores.

"The store has always taken precedence over the family," she said. "I married into the business."

And although Grile wanted to be an electrician or

products," said Robert Grile. He also remembers an era before canned beer and no deposits.

When it became clear in 2002 that Grile wouldn't be able to sell the old store due to deterioration and the fact that the licenses couldn't be transferred, he had to build the new store.

"I wanted to sell, but I was forced into building," he said.

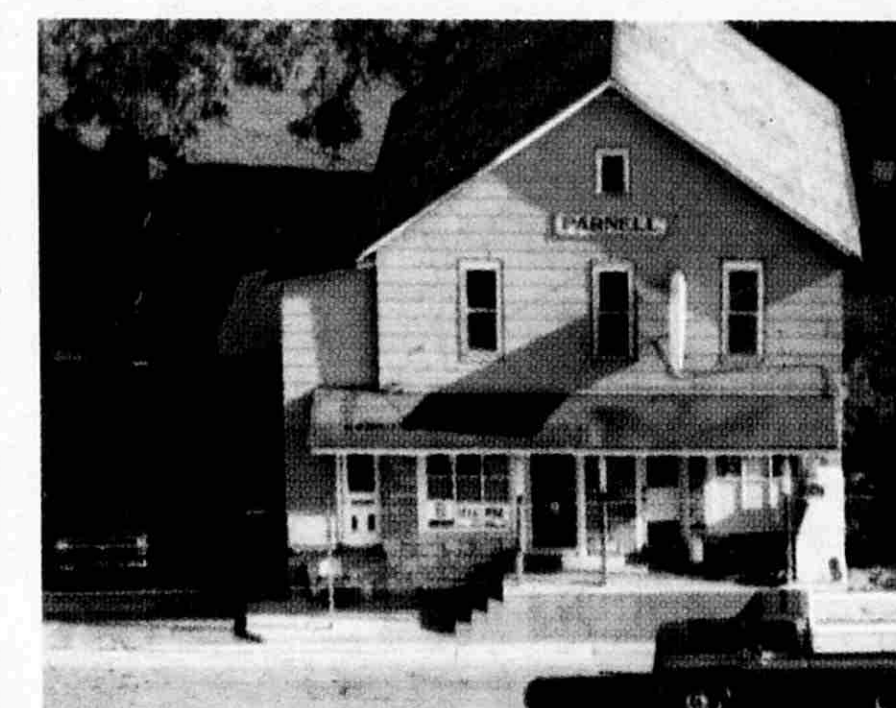
Grile had been talking about building a new store for 20 years, so even his own kids couldn't believe it when it happened.

"Griles are procrastinators," said oldest son Andy. "I couldn't believe it."

But, the business was growing and the old building couldn't support the growth and it wasn't handicap accessible. So, it was razed in 2002 and the Griles opened the new store

on Mother's Day of 2002. It almost doubled in space to 3,500 square feet.

For Andy, 40, who literally grew up in the old store, seeing it go was like losing a member of the family. "There's a lot of



The old Parnell store

nostalgia attached to that old building, but I don't miss it," said Robert Grile.

Whether in the old store or the new store, it took a lot of perseverance and hard work to make the business with a small profit margin work for the entire family. Robert Grile still managed to get involved with St. Patrick's school and co-chair the parish festival since their five children went to the private school. On top of that, four out of five kids have a college education.

At some point, they all worked at the store.

So, Andy recalls his first

tasks at the store stocking shelves in his kindergarten years. When the Michigan bottle deposit law came, Andy sorted bottles and cans. At 18, he started running the cash register. He still remembers the gas station

next door owned by Dan Byrne Oil. Co. in operation.

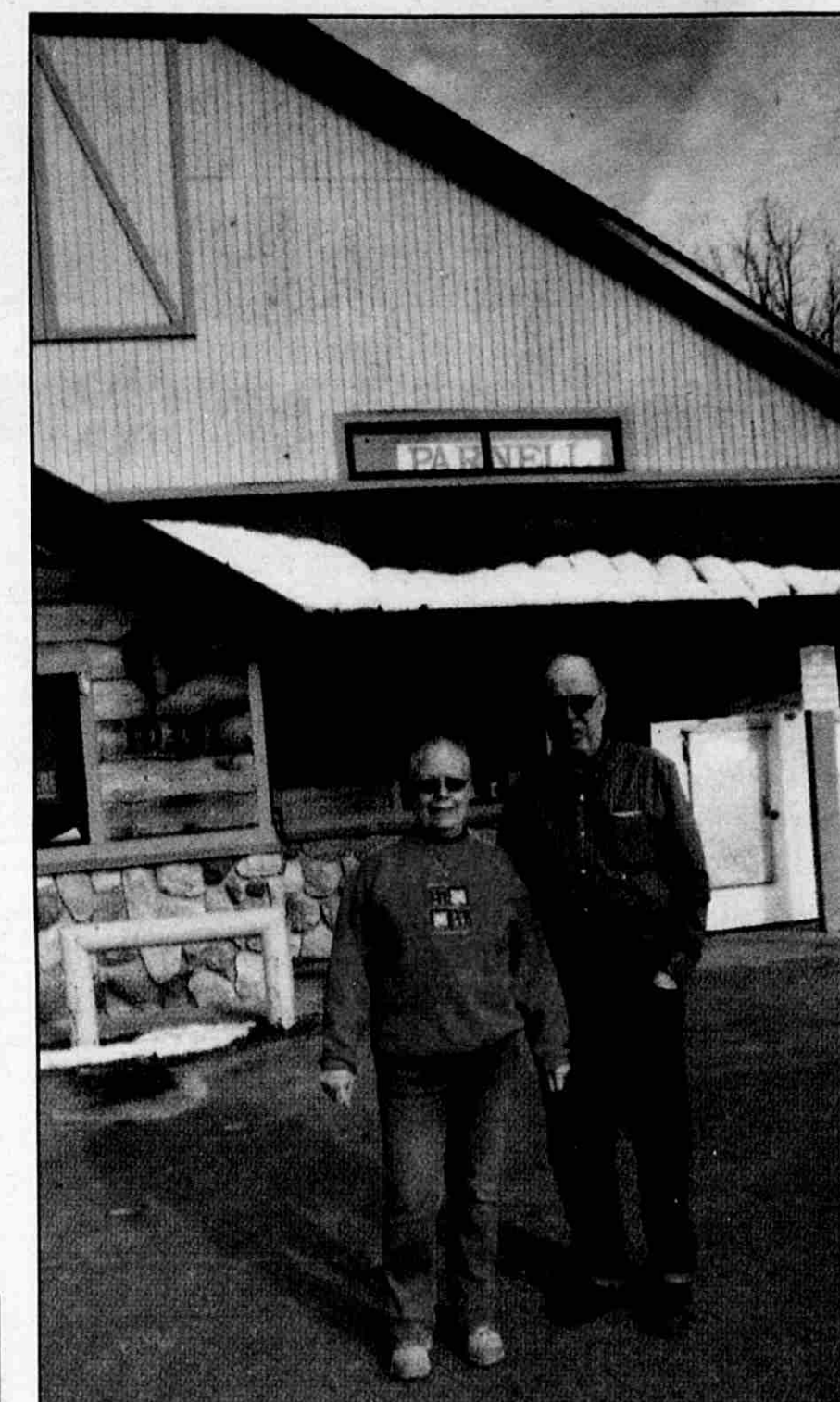
The business had its downsides just like everything else in life. Andy doesn't remember having both parents at the table for dinner.

"It was rare to have both mom and dad at home at the same time," he said. "Growing up we didn't know any different."

But what helped was that the kids were at the store a lot.

"It's a true family business," Andy said.

And although Virginia worked part-time at the



hospital, the store has always been the family's bread and butter. Due to cutbacks and economy, Virginia had to come back recently and work part-time at the store as well.

"It's been his life," said Virginia.

Yes, for Robert Grile, chatting with suppliers and customers, the store has been the centerpiece around which he built his life.

"I've worked with some nice people," said Robert Grile. "I have good rapport with the suppliers. But, hopefully in five years, I'd like to retire."

Other challenges of running a store in a remote area include break-ins. The new store has been broken into eight times since it opened.

And although the business nowadays has turned more into a convenience/ party store, it still has its draw for Andy. It was his dream to run the business, before he found out about paid vacation and benefits.

"Part of me would love to do it," he said. "The practical side says I can't do it."

So, regardless who ends up with the store, the memories will live on.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell gymnasts tally first win by smallest of margins

by Thad Kraus

Told that the beam routine she just completed would garner a score in the high eights, Cassie Miles shrugged and retorted "I don't care, I just stuck the routine."

Miles did not suffer a fall and for the senior, that was enough. Any score that followed was just icing.

"Cassie has always worked so hard. This year, she's also displaying a confidence we haven't seen," said Lowell gymnastics' coach Michele DeHaan.

Miles' 8.5 placed her fourth overall in the event and helped Lowell narrowly edge Forest Hills 127.55-127.025.

"I love being on the winning side of these close ones. Losing ones like this are hard to take," DeHaan explained.

Miles was one of three Lowell gymnasts not to fall from the beam. The other two teammates were Jorie Bennett (6.85) and Morgan Rogalke (6.8).

Sarah Piell, in her best vault effort of the year, tallied an 8.35. The senior executed a half twist before hitting the bar and a half twist coming off the bar before landing. Piell's score was second to Kelsey Teft's 8.8.

Teft earned a first on the uneven bars with a score of 8.6. Included in her performance was a high superior, layout fly-away. "That was the first time this

year Kelsey has done that. It definitely makes a difference in a gymnast's score," DeHaan said. "Kelsey was also helped in that she hit her handstand."

The victory was Lowell's first conference win of the year.

Lowell was fifth (126.25) in a field of eight at the Mona Shores Invitational on Saturday. Mona Shores finished first with a score of 141.65.

Senior Kelsey Teft placed third on the vault, beam and in the floor exercise. The Red Arrow was sixth overall on the uneven bars. Teft placed fourth overall in the all-around.

"Kelsey had a great day (her birthday). I believe it marks the first time she has placed in every event and in the all-around," DeHaan explained.

For the first time this year, all four Lowell gymnasts recorded regional qualifying scores (above seven) on the uneven bars.

In the floor event, Lowell enjoyed similar success as all four scores represented personal bests.

Lowell 127.55 Forest Hills 127.025

Vault
Morgan McVey 8.05

Abby Rogalke 8.15 - 5th place

Sarah Piell 8.35 - 4th place

Kelsey Teft 8.8 - 1st place

Bars

Lauren Trasky and Abby

Rogalke 6.75 - tie for 6th place
Sarah Piell 7.15 - 4th place
Kelsey Teft 8.6 - 1st place

Beam

Morgan Rogalke 6.8 - Beam Queen!

Jorie Bennett 6.85 - Beam Queen!

Morgan McVey 7.5 - 5th place

Cassie Miles 8.5 - 4th place and Beam Queen!

Kelsey Teft 9.0 - 3rd place (had one fall)

Floor

Sarah Piell 7.6 - 5th place

Abby Rogalke 8.1 - 4th place

Morgan McVey 8.2 - 3rd place

Kelsey Teft 9.2 - 1st place

Teams

Mona Shores 141.65

Kenowa Hills Black 137.975

Forest Hills 135.825

Portage 135.225
Lowell 126.25
Kenowa Hills Pink 113.225
East Kentwood 102.75

Vault

Kelsey Teft 8.4 - 3rd place

Sarah Piell 8.25

Abby Rogalke 7.9

Morgan McVey 7.65

Bars

Kelsey Teft 8.1 - 6th place

Abby Rogalke 7.3

Sarah Piell 7.25

Lauren Trasky 7.0

Beam

Kelsey Teft 9.25 - 3rd place

Abby Rogalke 7.2

Cassie Miles 7.1

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Floor

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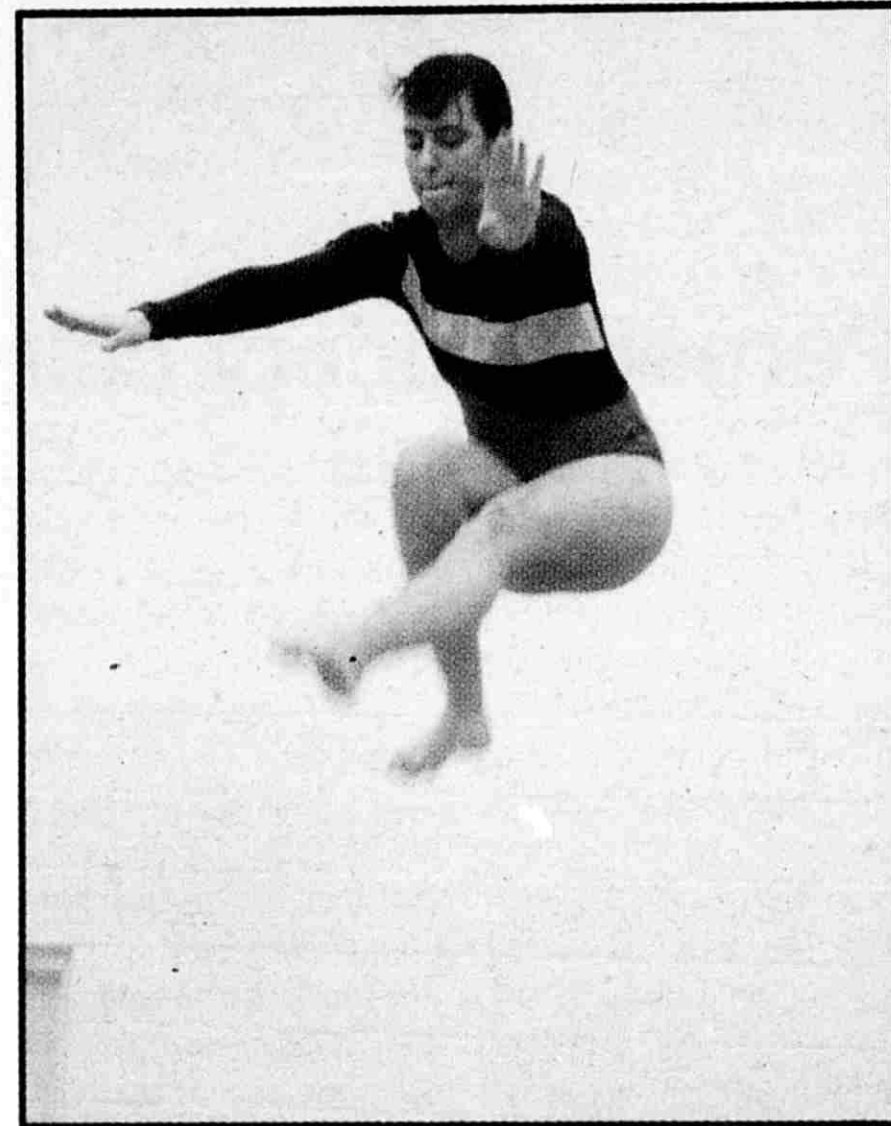
Morgan McVey 8.35

Abby Rogalke 8.3

Sarah Piell 8.05

All Around

Kelsey 35.30 - 4th



Lowell's Cassie Miles was fourth overall on the balance beam with a mark of 8.5.

Red Arrow play 'nights' apart in losses

by Thad Kraus

"I wish it would have," said Lowell girls' basketball coach Danielle Gallert after hearing that the camera, used to film the Red Arrows' game against East Grand Rapids, almost got dropped onto the hardwood floor.

The Red Arrows, after a strong performance against Forest Hills Central a few nights earlier, struggled throughout in posting its lowest point total of the season in a 33-22 defeat to the Pioneers.

"We had no inside-out game tonight," Gallert said. "The girls were not hitting their shots."

Lowell's defensive effort held EGR to just 10 first-half points. The Red Arrows, however, managed just a dozen points themselves. Lowell's offensive struggles continued in the second half as it managed just 10 points over the final 16 minutes of play.

"The girls played timid," Gallert said. "We needed someone to step up."

EGR (5-5, 2-2) found its

touch in the third quarter, outscoring Lowell 13-4 to take a 23-16 advantage into the fourth quarter.

"We got off to a very slow start," said EGR girls' basketball coach, Kevin Brechting. "We were able to get up and down the floor in the third quarter and that gave us some scoring opportunities. Making shots is always a positive."

Bryleigh Loughlin led all Lowell players in scoring with 13 points. Katie Tompkins contributed with six.

Sarah Ronda led all scorers for East with 18 points.

FHC 44 Lowell 35
An undermanned Lowell girls' basketball team was tied 30-30 late in the fourth quarter against Forest Hills Central before their legs began to tire.

The end result was a 44-35 nonconference loss to the Rangers.

"The girls played hard the whole game. They did a good job of taking on defense and everyone

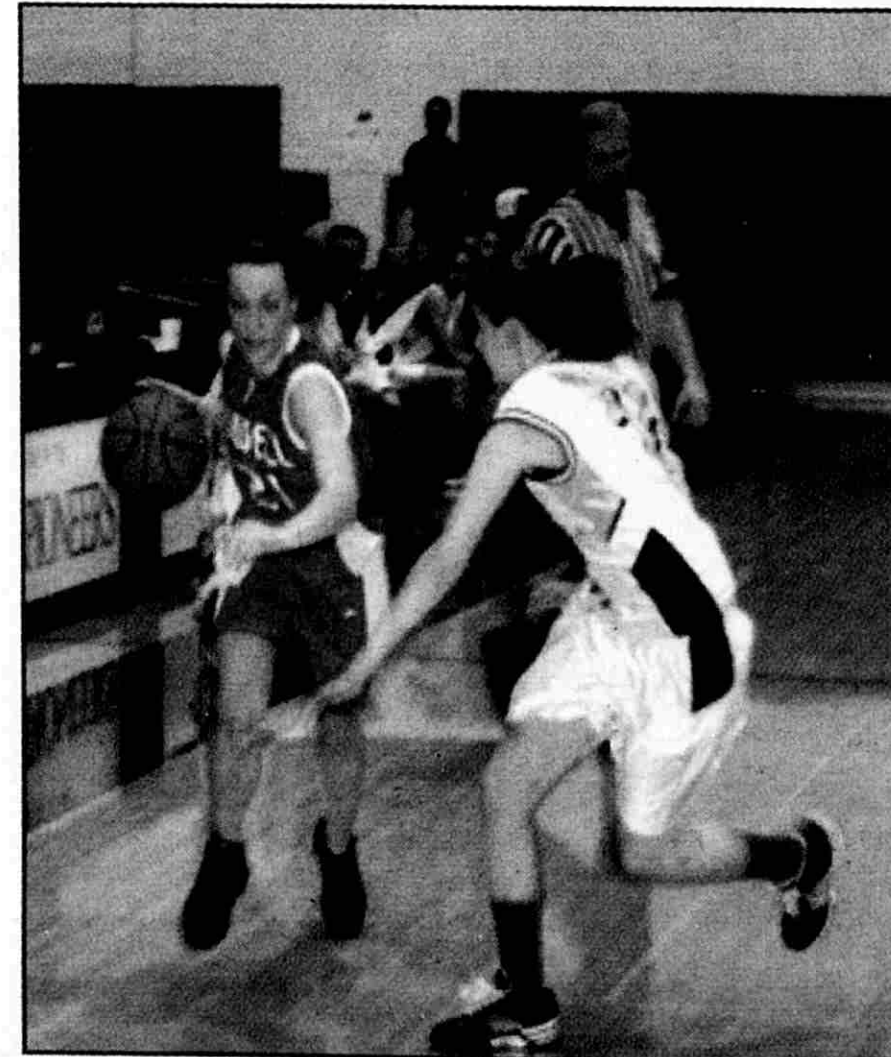
contributed tonight," Gallert said. "The game was neck and neck late, then I think we got fourth-quarter legs."

The Red Arrows, hurt by a short bench, were unable to keep pace with a fresher Ranger squad.

Lowell trailed 21-18 at halftime and 32-30 after three quarters of play.

Katie Tompkins led Lowell in scoring with 13 points. Bryleigh Loughlin and Stephanie Stevens both netted six points each.

Katherine Cline led all Ranger scorers with 10 points. Jill Hendrickson tallied nine.



Courtney Schmidt attempts to penetrate through Pioneer pressure in first-half action.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

File No.
2009-187856-DE

Estate of SUE
KALSBECK.

Date of birth: 12/1/1919

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Mentally tough Arrows have answer for early season losses

by Thad Kraus

It wasn't the emotion that enabled Lowell to right two losses Saturday at the Lakeshore Invitational.

It was the management of emotion!

"When you're wrestling against good people, that's no time to be emotional," said Lowell wrestling coach Dave Dean. "That's when you need to be mentally tough to take care of detail and achieve objectives."

Lowell avenged an early season 38-36 loss to Richmond with an exciting 29-27 win on Saturday.

The Red Arrows followed that up with a 31-22 victory over Lakeshore. A team it lost to a week earlier, 33-30.

In its two-point win over Richmond, Lowell eliminated a number of bonus points it gave up in the two schools' first meeting.

"The kids knew many of

the matches could be decided by one or two points. They were very patient, stayed conservative and in great position," Dean said. "That's leadership. We're going to need that mentally to achieve our objectives this year."

Lowell posted wins at 140, 145, 152, 160, 189, 215 and heavyweight. The match started at 112 pounds. Lowell led by eight entering the final match at 103 pounds.

Dean was as impressed in a couple of their losses. Jake Gould wrestling Brian Henke (#1 in division 3) stayed off his back in losing a decision.

Keith Williams' 1-0 loss at 171 was to a wrestler with a record of 33-1. Dakota Boldrey lost to Jackson Morse in late December.

"Zack (Jeffries) wrestled against a state-ranked kid (112) and went into overtime before losing a decision," Dean said.

In its nine-point decision against the Lancers, The Red Arrows were convincing, winning nine of the opening 11 matches.

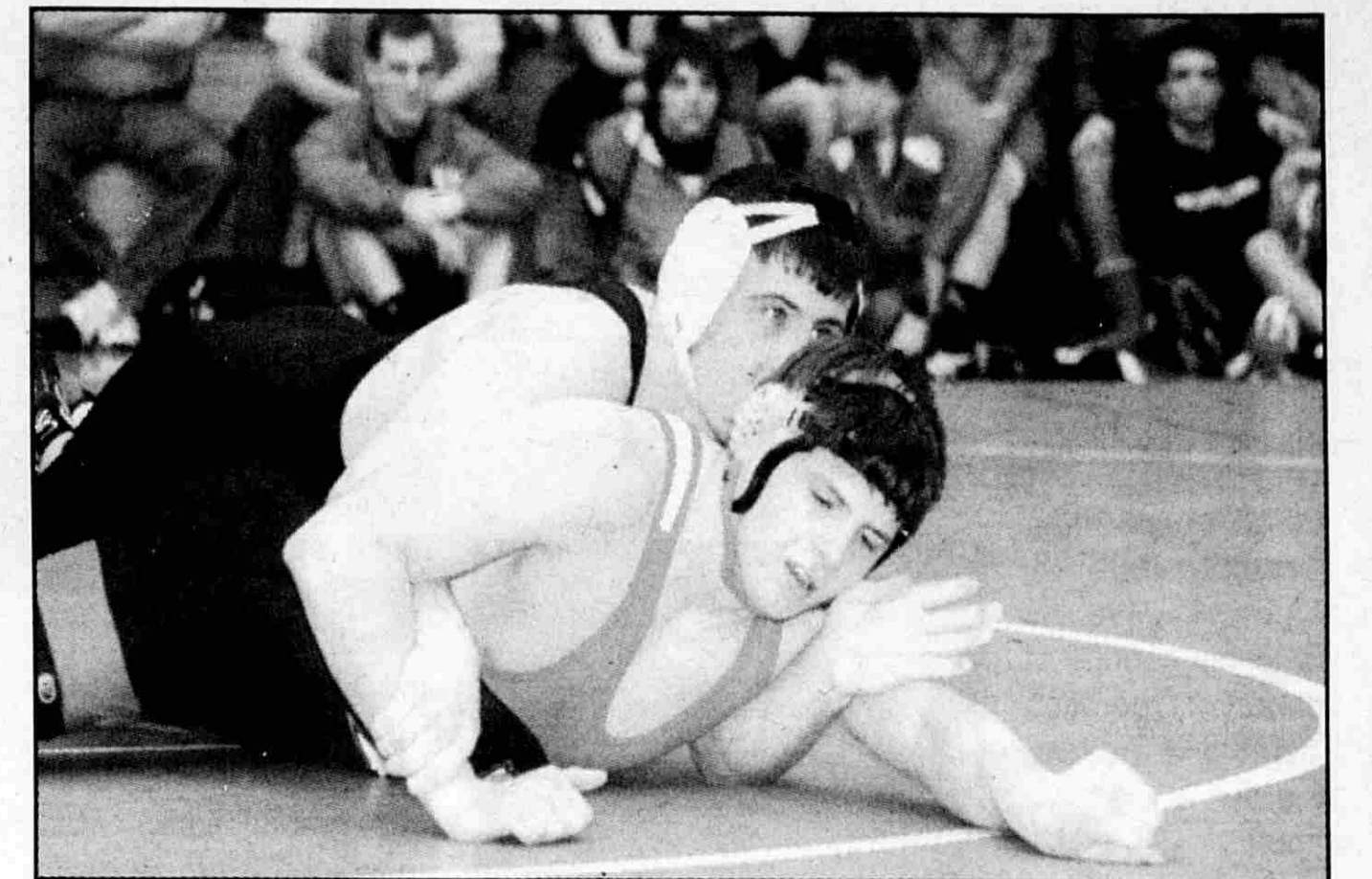
Included in that were wins against Lakeshore's Humes brothers. Andrew Morse (152) defeated Nick Humes 8-7 in a wild and entertaining matchup.

Gabe Dean (189) then penciled in a decision over Tyler Humes.

Keith Williams, wrestling at 171 pounds, earned a tough decision against Zach Weer.

Jake Fillingham, who was pinned by Travis Dragoner at the Gary Rivers tournament, took away bonus points as he lost by a decision.

"The keys to the match against Lakeshore was Fillingham not getting pinned, getting the match-ups we wanted with the Humes brothers, and Williams



Gabe Dean recorded two big wins Saturday at the Lake shore Invitational against the host Lancers and Richmond. Lowell won the day as it finished 4-0.

beating Weer," Dean explained. "We also got a great, disciplined match from Matt Griffioen. He showed a lot of mental toughness for a second straight week and

did a tremendous job against Glaskie (Brett)."

Lowell was 4-0 on the day. Its other wins came against Niles (55-9) and Mason (65-9).

Lowell will continue its journey to wrestle the best this weekend when it travels to St. Paris Graham to wrestle the number two team in the state of Ohio.

Rally falls three points short at EGR

by Thad Kraus

A 23-point fourth-quarter outburst kept things interesting. But in the end East Grand Rapids was able to make enough baskets to keep the hard-charging Red Arrows at bay, 60-57.

"We found a way to hold on. A wins and win," said EGR boys' basketball coach Jared Redell. "I know what Lowell's record is, but it plays most teams close and it always plays hard."

For Jeff McDonald and his Lowell club there was no celebrating in a three-point defeat.

"We're not happy with a three-point defeat," McDonald explained. "We have to keep pushing."

Lowell led 13-10 after the opening eight minutes. EGR owned the second quarter as it outscored Lowell 21-8 to take a 33-21 half-time lead.

"We had a couple two minute spurts that hurt us," McDonald noted. On the upside the Lowell coach said he thought a couple of his players stepped up and distinguished themselves.

"I think we found a

couple warriors," McDonald explained.

Lowell received some high-energy play from junior guard Sam Steed which sparked Lowell early. "Sam has a high energy and brings a positive karma to the floor," McDonald said.

Isaac Tawney led all Red Arrow scorers with 18 points. Jacob Meyer was the only other player in double figures with 11.

EGR got a team-high 18 points from Colin Voss.

FHC 60, Lowell 37

High pressure defense and outstanding perimeter shooting enabled the Rangers to jump on Lowell early as FHC rolled to a 23-point victory.

"Their defense takes you out of what you want to do," said Lowell boys' basketball coach Jeff McDonald. "On their offensive end they have four or five guys who shoot the ball extremely well."

Lowell was led in scoring by Isaac Tawney with 12 points and Jacob Meyer netted 11.

Ski team off to good start

by Thad Kraus

On the surface a freshman exceeding expectations is unexpected.

Unless of course, you're a 17-year old skier who's been racing for years.

If you want your kids to race and to race well, then training and USSA racing is essential.

Introducing Lowell freshman Abi Ellis, who's been racing for years, and early on it shows.

"Abi has been a welcomed surprise. We expected her to be a top 15 skier but not top five," said Kenowa Hills/Lowell/Comstock Park coach Mark Hagerman. In two weeks Ellis has claimed two firsts in the giant slalom and a third (1:15.93) in the slalom.

Her winning times in the giant slalom have been recorded at 53.85 and 55.56.

Her Lowell teammates, senior Sam Hagerman and sophomore Katy Mork, have helped lift the Lowell co-op ski team to fifth place (316) overall. Grand Haven is atop the league at 117.

Hagerman has finished eighth and 10th in the giant slalom and has earned a fifth (-1:16.83) and sixth-place in the slalom event.

Mork has two top 25 finishes in the giant slalom. Kenowa Hills/Lowell/Comstock Park is sixth in the slalom standings and third in the giant slalom.

In week one the ski team finished fifth in the slalom. In the opening two weeks of the giant slalom it was fourth and third respectively.

The Greater Grand Rapids ski league has 10 teams and 66 girls competing.

Can that list exclude Manning and Favre? Should Super Bowl wins be an important criteria?

While Super Bowl wins should be part of the discussion, it should not be a decisive factor. There are many elements of a game outside of the quarterback's control which can prevent him from winning a Super Bowl - fumbles, dropped

passes, missed field goals and a bad defense (right Dan?).

So, without any research of numbers or other statistics except for what I've viewed over the years, here is my list:

Someone had to say it!



Thad Kraus

1. John Elway - could run and make all the passes.

2. Brett Favre - makes all the plays and no one has matched his durability.

3. Peyton Manning - Makes all the throws and his accuracy is second to none.

4. Joe Montana - Gets rapped for not having a strong arm, but I remember

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obituaries

BENEDICT

Marjorie Ann Benedict, age 86, of Alto, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, January 18, 2010. Marjorie was born March 31, 1923 in Grand Rapids. Her parents, Jack and Roscena Inman; her beloved husband, Walter; her son-in-law, Roger Stanley; and her granddaughter, Sarah Jane Stanley; preceded Marjorie in death. She will be deeply missed by her children, Jack and Nancy Benedict of Minnesota, Tom and Brenda Benedict of Caledonia, Ron and Rose DeJonge of Cascade and Bob and Joyce (Stanley) Graham of Alto; her grandchildren, Jennifer Benedict, Tom and Sherry Benedict, Kristen Benedict, Eric and Jesslyn Benedict, Bryan Benedict, Alex and Amy Edwards, Joshua DeJonge, Britney DeJonge, Brad and Elizabeth Lampe and Melissa Stanley; and her great-grandchildren, Madelynn, Jay, Jack and Anna Benedict, Colten Benedict, and Paige Edwards. Also surviving are dear family members, Vivian Bignall of California, Wayne and Phyllis Ullery of Delton, Jean Leach of Flint; along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Marge's greatest joy came from spending time with her family. She daily demonstrated the Fruit of the Spirit. Her warm smile and constant encouragement were a blessing to all. Marge is a member of Alto Baptist Church. Marge's life verse was "Trust in the Lord with all of your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path," Proverbs 3:5-6. A treasured hymn was "Count your blessing, name them one by one." Funeral services were on Saturday, January 23 at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with Rev. David Henriksen of Alto Baptist Church officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The American Heart Association or the Santa Claus Girls of Grand Rapids, MI.



BROOKS

Shirley Marie Brooks, age 74, of Twin Lake, formerly of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, January 19, 2010. She is preceded in death by husband Robert Lambert. She was survived by her husband of 38 years, Ron Brooks; children, Sally (Rocky) Eickhoff, Kimberly (Boyd) Barnum, Lynne (John) Tuccio, Randy (Eileen) Brooks, Beth Armstrong, Kent (Sue) Brooks, John Brooks, Andrew (Marcia) Brooks; brother, Ralph (Judy) Colby; sister, Jan (Bob) Kropf; brother-in-law, Wayne (Carol) Brooks; 19 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were Friday, January 22 at Roth-Gerst Funeral Chapel with Rev. Michael Conklin of Snow United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Alto Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to West Michigan Heart Association or Helen DeVos Children's Hospital-Neonatal Dept.



CADWALLADER

Ralph L. Cadwallader, age 74, of Lowell, originally from Indiana, passed away Wednesday, January 20, 2010. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ottis and Sadie; brothers, Gordon, Dale, Don and Richard. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Phyllis; children, Denise (Richard) Cadwallader-Valdez, Dewayne (Sheryl) Cadwallader, David (Tina) Cadwallader; sisters, Barbara (Bruce) Cunningham, Martha Lamb, Evelyn (George) Malchow; sister-in-law, Judy Cadwallader; grandchildren, Amber (Brandon) Slater, Richard Cadwallader, Alita Cadwallader, Jessica (Russ) Cazier, Sara Cadwallader, Heather (Erik) O'Brien, Heidi (Colton) Lameroux; great-grandchildren, Jason, Alyssa, Samantha and Isral. Ralph was proud to be a lifetime member of the Mason's. The family met with friends and family Sunday, January 24 at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society or First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

BEACHNAW

Sgt. Lucas Tyler Beachnaw, age 23, of Lowell, gave his life to his country in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Wednesday, January 13, 2010. He is survived by his parents, Jeanne Beachnaw of Lowell and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Beachnaw of Charlotte; sisters, Terra (Capt. George) Delong, Jamie Beachnaw; niece, Emma; nephew, Brock; grandparents, Gayle and Anne Thurlow of DeWitt; aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends. Funeral services were held Friday, January 22 at Ada Bible Church with Pastor Jeff Manion officiating. Interment South Bingham Cemetery, St. Johns. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to United Service Organization and Freedom Is Not Free, c/o Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Lucas will be greatly missed by his family. We love you Luke.



LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 09-13337-DO

Court Address 180 Ottawa Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, court telephone number 616-632-5480

DENISE CAROL HELMKA, Plaintiff 254 Four Mile Road NW Comstock Park, MI 49321 616-647-9514

THOMAS EDWARD HELMKA, Defendant 30 Holland NE Grand Rapids, MI

TO: THOMAS EDWARD HELMKA

IT IS ORDERED: You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to who has requested entry of a Judgment of

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A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Lowell Ledger for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court. R. John Stephan, attorney for Plaintiff shall post a copy of this order in the courthouse, and at 30 Holland NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan for three continuous weeks, and shall file proof of posting in this court.

A copy of this order shall be sent to THOMAS EDWARD HELMKA at the last-known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the

last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Date: January 11, 2010

Judge G. Patrick Hillary Plaintiff's Attorney R. John Stephan - P71686 3875 West River Dr. PO Box 327 Comstock Park, MI 49321 616-784-5080

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA PINAL COUNTY

DEBORAH ELAINE FIGUROWSKI Plaintiff

DO-2 00802009 v JOHN MATTHEW FIGUROWSKI Defendant

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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 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Randy Jesberg at 897-4569 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

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.

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

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LOWELL SHOOTBOAT GARDEN CLUB - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. at 7 p.m.

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

Someone Had To Say It, continued

him making the throw the situation called for - and he won more than the rest.

5. Dan Marino / John Unitas - Marino made the throws and was accurate - not a likable cuss, but really good. Unitas - just because I wanted someone from an era gone by.

Ask me again tomorrow and the order of the list might possibly be different.

But today this is my Fab Five and My Final Answer.

One final question - Who wins Super Bowl 44? I won't be disappointed if New Orleans wins. I won't be disappointed if Indianapolis wins. I do, however, like the team with Peyton Manning at quarterback.

One final thought, spring training is less than 30 days away. Go Buccos!

Excellence Community - Classroom - Football



Lowell tackle Connor Kruse presents the Division II state football championship trophy to Lowell High School principal Tricia Murphy-Alderman. The Lowell football team also presented Murphy-Alderman with trophies for community service achievement and Academic All-State honors (team GPA of 3.9).



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Sound Off!

The Ledger's "Almost" anything goes column!

The LHS girls' softball team takes newspapers, phone books, paper of any kind for recycling to help with team expenses. There is a semi trailer parked on the northside of the high school for drop off. If you would like someone to pick them up call 897-6165.

last week's poll result: Sound Off

What does it mean to you that Kennedy's senate seat has gone to a Republican in Massachusetts? Not much - It's MA not MI0% It will be tough to pass health care now.....42% People are upset with the government.....25% Now maybe they'll get something done.....8% Now nothing will get done.....25%

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DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010 meeting as corrected and the accounts payables was approved.

Motion to approve the striking of 2004 delinquent taxes as presented.

Motion to approve the resolution to the Michigan Department of Transportation entering into a contract providing cost shares for the Lowell City Airport land acquisition (air easements) project.

Motion to approve the low bid from Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc. of \$10,800 for engineering services for the sanitary sewer system flow monitoring.

Motion to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:05 p.m. Motion to adjourn at 9:46 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, February 1, 2010.

Completed minutes will be available after approved on February 1, 2010 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-17 OF, AND ADDING SECTIONS 25-31 THROUGH 25-37 TO, ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 09-04 amending Section 25-17 of, and adding Sections 25-31 through 25-37 to, Article II of Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on October 5, 2009. Ordinance No. 09-04 prohibits certain cross connections with the City's public water system through which a back-flow could occur, provides for initial and ongoing inspections of properties where cross connections are possible and provides for disconnection of service from the City's public water system where an improper cross connection exists.

Ordinance No. 09-04 is effective 10 days after this publication.

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk



- January 20 - January 26**
- 'Hope for Haiti' telethon Friday evening brings in \$58 million and counting.
 - White House decides to outsource NASA work. The goal is to set up a multiyear, multibillion dollar initiative allowing private firms, including startups, to compete to build and operate spacecraft capable of ferrying U.S. astronauts into orbit.
 - Bridgeview IL - A White House official says President Barack Obama will be skipping jury duty after being summoned in Illinois.
 - 'Chemical Ali,' Saddam Hussein's cousin, was executed in Iraq Monday.
 - Conan O'Brien fights tears on his final 'Tonight Show' cast Friday night. Conan served as host for seven months.
 - Sam's Club, owned by Walmart, cuis 10,000 jobs.
 - Next week, Apple will be unveiling the Apple tablet.

Kid Scoop

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100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

This year is the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts. Do you know anyone who is in Scouting?



Cub Scouts
Cub Scouts is for boys from 7 to 11 years old. Cub Scouts visit museums, hike and learn outdoor skills. They also design and build their own wooden race cars for the annual Pinewood Derby.

History of the Boy Scouts

Colonel Robert Baden-Powell, a British military officer, established Boy Scouting in England as a way to show boys how to be good citizens. He started by having a group of 24 boys, some rich, some not, work together at a camp on Brownsea Island. The event was a big success and Scouting was officially born in 1908.

In 1909, William Boyce, a Chicago newspaper publisher, got lost while visiting London. A 12-year-old boy helped Boyce find his way. The boy refused to accept any money from Boyce for helping him, explaining that as a Boy Scout, it was his duty to help.

Thinking of the thousands of young newspaper boys he employed back in America, Boyce launched the Boy Scouts of America in 1910, making sure it would include boys of every income level, race and religion.

WHO started the Boy Scouts?
WHAT was William Boyce's business?
WHERE did William Boyce get lost?
WHEN did the Boy Scouts of America begin?
WHY wouldn't the Boy Scout accept money?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Uses reading skills and strategies to understand and interpret a variety of texts.

Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts is for boys from 11 to 18 years old. Boy Scouts usually run their own meetings and plan activities themselves. They earn merit badges in a wide variety of specialties, from camping and first aid to canoeing and fingerprinting.

11 + 4 + 9 29 - 13 6 + 9 - 2 27 - 12

There are more than 100 merit badges a Scout can earn. Do the math to discover the names of the merit patches shown here.

16 = AVIATION 15 = ARCHERY
13 = DISABILITIES 24 = ENERGY

Venturing

Girls and boys ages 14 to 20 can join the Boy Scouts' Venturing program, which includes fun and challenging activities like rock climbing and whitewater rafting.



How many differences can you spot between the canoe and its reflection?

Soaring with Eagles

The highest level in Scouting is the rank of Eagle Scout. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to earn the rank of Eagle. Replace the missing vowels to reveal the names of some famous Eagle Scouts.

SECRET CODE: = A = E = I = O

First man on the moon: N _ L _ RMSTR _ NG
38th U.S. President: G _ R _ LD _ F _ RD
Mayor of New York City: M _ CH _ L _ BL _ MB _ RG
U.S. Secretary of Defense: R _ B _ RT _ G _ T _ S

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple, written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Scouts are encouraged to help someone at least once every day. Arrange the squares below to reveal what this is called.



Standards Link: Problem Solving: Solve problems using a variety of strategies.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

SCOUTING PUBLISHER BOYCE INCOME MERIT BADGES PINWOOD DERBY SOARING EAGLES TRACE EARN RANK YORK CUB

DDGITIREMP
OOKNARCEUG
SOYCIUSBAN
EWBOBTLGRI
LEAMRIUABR
GNDESKEOOA
AIGHODYTCO
EPEE ECARTS
URSDERBYRN

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Volunteering
Find volunteer opportunities in the newspaper in your area. Identify the value, both personally and to the community, of doing a "good turn" in this situation.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand the importance of volunteering as a characteristic of American society.

What do you call a Scout who is coming home from camp?

ANSWER: DUSTY!

Kid Scoop Together: The Boy Scout Law

The Boy Scout Law lists 12 characteristics a Scout always tries to maintain. Use the code to discover what these 12 traits are and then, with a family member, look up the meanings of these words.

TR _ STW _ RTH
L _ Y _ L
H _ LPF _ L
FR _ NDL
C _ RT _ S
K _ ND
OB _ D _ NT
CH _ RF _ L
THR _ FT
BR _ V
CL _ N
R _ V _ R _ NT

SECRET CODE
 = A = O
 = E = U
 = I = Y

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Use a dictionary to locate the meanings of words.

Kid Scoop-Joku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word SCOUT in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

SCOUT
O _ T
_ U _ S
S _ _
_ _ S

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **TRAIT**
The noun trait means a characteristic of a person or thing.
Being helpful is a trait. Scouts are encouraged to show every day.
Try to use the word trait in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Write On!

Be Prepared
The Boy Scout motto is "Be Prepared." Imagine that for a weekend, you and two friends will be camping in the forest. Write about how you will prepare for this adventure.

Good

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2009 Nissan Maxima	Was \$22,475.....	Now \$19,900
2009 Chevy Trailblazer	Was \$18,995.....	Now \$17,700
2006 Buick Lucerne	Was \$18,995.....	Now \$16,900
2008 Honda Accord	Was \$18,975.....	Now \$16,900
2008 Chevy Impala	Was \$17,995.....	Now \$15,900
2008 Chevy Impala	Was \$18,475.....	Now \$15,900
2009 Chevy Malibu	Was \$17,995.....	Now \$15,200
2006 Buick Rendezvous	Was \$15,995.....	Now \$14,900
2006 Chevy Equinox	Was \$15,995.....	Now \$14,900
2008 Chrysler Sebring	Was \$17,995.....	Now \$14,900
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2007 Subaru Outback	Was \$15,995.....	Now \$13,800
2006 Chevy Trailblazer	Was \$14,995.....	Now \$12,900
2006 Saturn Vue	Was \$14,975.....	Now \$12,800
2006 Buick Rendezvous	Was \$13,995.....	Now \$12,500
2008 Mazda 5	Was \$14,975.....	Now \$12,300
2004 GMC Envoy	Was \$13,975.....	Now \$11,700
2009 Chevy Malibu	Was \$13,975.....	Now \$11,500
2009 Chevy HHR	Was \$12,995.....	Now \$10,900
2008 Chevy Impala	Was \$11,995.....	Now \$10,500
2003 Chevy S10 Pickup	Was \$9,995.....	Now \$8,600
2004 Buick Park Avenue	Was \$8,995.....	Now \$7,900
2007 Chevy Cobalt	Was \$9,975.....	Now \$7,800
2003 Pontiac Montana	Was \$9,475.....	Now \$7,600
2005 Chevy Impala	Was \$7,995.....	Now \$6,900
1999 Chevy Pickup	Was \$7,995.....	Now \$5,100
1990 GMC Sierra	Was \$6,250.....	Now \$4,800
1995 Audi A6	Was \$3,995.....	Now \$2,600

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