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West Michigan regional competition boasts variety of artwork





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by Emma Palova A wide variety of artwork and many new artists, that is what the annual staple show at the Lowell Area Arts Council is all about. And this year, it's also about realism.

"The show feels very balanced," said the arts council director Lorain Smalligan. "It exposes people to new artists and a wide variety of work."

24th The annual West Michigan regional is highly competition competitive, according to Smalligan. Only about one third of entries makes it in.

This year's juror was Mersmann, of Armin Midland, known for his intense naturalistic graphite drawings.

"The high amount of works entered in this show was quite refreshing," he writes in the juror's statement. "However, these positive factors made the selection process very difficult."

Adam DeKraker's toned silver print photograph 'Inward/Outward' won first place.

"It is a wonder of composition and strong narrative undertones at the same time - very enigmatic," he wrote. "So, strong was

this work that for a few days it literally haunted me."

Lisa Ambrose's oil painting called 'Angel' received second place.

"It is a marvel of young life depicted in an almost flawless painting technique," Mersmann writes.

Larry Blovits' landscape

in pastel 'Nelson Bay' got third place.

"It has an amazing sense of place, spontaneous yet controlled," Mersmann wrote.

> Regional art competition, continued, page 2



This year's regional show features a great variety including sculptures.

Author self-publishes comics in print and on web

by Emma Palova

Some people have a creative bug, but comics author Nick Myers harbors a creative monster.

"I have to constantly feed that," he said. "I was born with a pad of paper and a pencil."

Apart from his regular daytime insurance job and a family, Myers has a drive that keeps him both writing and illustrating.

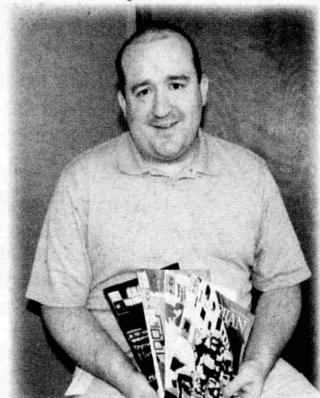
After

a graphic novel 'Oasis Omnibus,' Myers embarked on a comics journey in print and on the web.

"I just grab stuff out of my head and see if it works," Myers said. "Ideas float around in my head."

In his comic 'Harijan' Myers is inspired by the basic inequality in life between different classes, like in India.

"There this is completing lowest class in India, the



Nick Myers

untouchables," he said. "Gandhi called them the children of

God." His work often deals with the struggles of children trying survive, humans rising above and those forgotten and left behind.

Comics, continued, page 7

New ground cover for Creekside Kingdom

by Thad Kraus

Financial conditions and the limited life of the 15 year-old Creekside Kingdom were key elements in the City's decision in allocating funds for new ground cover.

The old wood mulch/ chips around the play areas of Creekside Kingdom, which was constructed in 1994, was removed by Pollution Control Services of Kalkaska. The work was carried out for \$19,399.14. It was paid for through a Lowell Area Community allocation Fund \$22,500.

The old wood mulch/ chips will be replaced by pea stone at a cost of \$5,580. Tip Top Gravel will do the work.

The City will use the remaining \$3,100 from the Lowell Area Community Fund and \$2,500 allocated from the Lee Fund to provide the pea stone ground cover.

Retirement brings about additional United Water employee proposal

by Thad Kraus

Filling a vacancy, which will be created by a retirement, will become the responsibility of United Water.

Waste Water Treatment Plant city employee of 37 1/2 years, Frank Martin, announced he will retire in July.

Mark Mundt, proposed manager, Martin be replaced with an experienced United Water

operator rather than having the city hire an entry level employee.

"We feel this is the best option for the City and United Water," Mundt said. "By using an experienced employee we can 'hit the ground running' so to speak."

The new hire would be experienced in waste water

> United Water, continued, page 3

Council rejects Unison's easement proposal

by Thad Kraus

Lowell's city council decided Monday night that it was the wrong time for a perpetual easement of a city downtown tower.

Unison proposed purchasing a perpetual easement for the use of the tower which sits atop the building where Lowell Cable television located.

The proposal would have required the city to assign its rights to receive all rental revenues (\$1,900.16 a month) or would receive pursuant an existing agreement with Verizon.

In turn, Unison proposed making a one-time, upfront cash payment to the City of \$159,613.

However, the tower then could never be taken down without Unison's approval. Any approval could be tied to a dollar figure.

"We don't know what we want to do with the building going forward," said Mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison. "This proposed agreement would tie up the building."

Commissioner Andrew Schrauben added that the tower and building's potential going forward is not known yet or understood yet by the city.

Unison did offer to split any future tower rental revenues with the city.

At the end of the discussion the council told city attorney Dick Wendt it was not interested in the Unison's proposal.

"Perpetual is just a long time," said Mayor James Hodges.

"ledger Regional art competition, continued

Rebecca Green's work, 'Tower of Learning,' received fourth place. It takes you back to the golden age of illustration with a fine art bent.

Amy Johnson's jewelry, 'Navaho Bride,' earned fifth place with its mastery in craftsmanship evoking different cultures and art

The photograph 'Inward/Outward' by Adam DeKraker took first place.

"The show is mostly realism," said Smalligan.

"Realism seems to be in vogue in West Michigan with

"Although I missed the more abstract and conceptual side of art, I was pleased in what a nod to the past, but also was presented." The following artists with many fresh insights and

recognized: Buck for 'Tang Dynasty' pointillism; Dustin Farnsworth for 'Menagerie,' wood, steel and fabric; Lydia Larson for 'Plot with Eleven Millies' oil on panel; Kathy Mohl for 'Hidden Pond, oil; and Robert Penning for 'Curvature of the Earth,

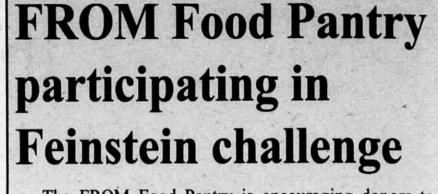
attitudes," wrote Mersmann

The top five artists received cash awards. This annual show has the

best attendance.

great exposure for the arts council," said Smalligan.

The show runs through April 10 with a public reception on March 14 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.



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The FROM Food Pantry is encouraging donors to make food and monetary donations during the months of March and April. The Feinstein Foundation, a national nonprofit organization started by Alan Shawn Feinstein in 1991, will distribute \$1 million among food banks nationwide. Donations can include cash, checks and nonperishable food items earmarked for the Feinstein challenge. Food pantries that receive more local donations in March and April will receive a greater percentage of the money. Donations can also be made online at www. fromlowell.org

Approximately 250 families are served by the FROM Food Pantry each month. For information call 897-8260.



MAPLE SYRUP FEST

Education Center will hold a pancake breakfast on Saturday.

Mar. 13 from 9-12 p.m. After breakfast, walk the trails to learn

how maple syrup was processed by both the Native Americans

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

student services center. To be fair to all students, applications

will not be accepted after 3 p.m. on Fri., Mar. 19. For more

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and settlers. Call 987-1002 for more information.

information, call Lisa Nauta at 987-2913.

The Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental

Greenridge Realty announced that Joyce Thuston received Realtor of the Month in February.

This award recognizes Thuston for her outstanding success and achievements.



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FUNDRAISING TRUCK SALE

The Lowell Red Arrow varsity baseball team will be holding a Schwan fundraising truck sale on Wed., Mar. 10, 2-8 p.m. The truck will be parked at Spring Break Hitting Club, 11630 East Fulton, across from Goodwill on M-21. Proceeds will be used for their spring break training trip. For questions, call Doris at 540-3696.

LMS FUNDRAISER

The Lowell Middle School fundraiser fun night Rollaway is Fri., Mar. 12 from 7-10 p.m. Unlimited bowling and skating.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Angel Food Ministries sign up at the Nazarene Church. 201 N. Washington St. Sat., Mar. 13, 10 a.m. to noon. You may also order online using your debit or credit card, www. angelfoodministries.com. Any questions, call Esther, 897-

The Kaleidoscope of Flavors steering committee is announcing a new event. The purpose of "Kaleidoscope of Flavors," is to help the community learn about our nonprofit organizations. The group wants to invite all local nonprofit organizations to participate. The event date is September 9. Fill out an application by visiting www.discoverlowell.org

FROM FOOD PANTRY

The pantry is in need of fruit juice, cereals, canned fruit. soup, boxed potatoes, hamburger helper, and crackers. Please help if you can.

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.

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Wednesday March 10, 7:30pm VFW Hall 3116 Alden Nash SE

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United Water, continued

laboratory procedures.

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Mundt said the change would be made at a cost savings to the City.

The current city waste water plant budget includes \$84,166.73 for personnel related expenses.

With United Water

to fill the vacancy, an experienced operator can be brought in for \$68,690 saving the City over \$15,000

In addition, the City administrative staff would no longer have the burden amendment.

assuming the responsibility of dealing with all of the employee related items like insurance enrollment, payroll processing, pension accruals, payments for seminars and

> Lowell's City Council unanimously approved the

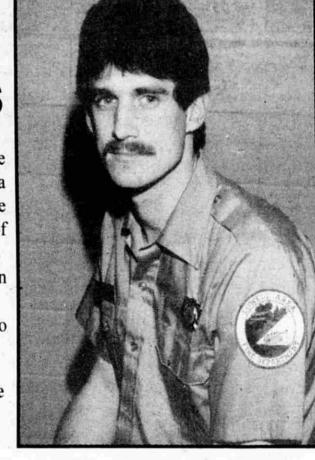
Muha retires after 24 years

Lieutenant safety officer John Muha will be retiring on March 1, 2010 from the Lowell Area Fire Department. Muha will be leaving the fire department after 24 years of service to the city of Lowell and surrounding areas.

Florida to start a new chapter in their lives.

He started his career with Lowell Rescue in 1986 and joined the fire department in 1987. He and his wife Sherrie will be moving to

> John Muha around the time he joined the fire department.



college news

Central honors following students who Lowell. earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point

Molly Gerst, Kristen academic Kremarik, Lauren Krug, Daniel Lingenfelter, Brett McMahon, Erika Murray, Schmieder, Matthew Tevlin, Kathryn Winer, and Shawn Witte, all of Ada.

Macenzie Whitney Bradley, Linnea Churches, Laura Danielson, Cynthia Engerson, and Kimberly Williamson, all of Notre Dame, Ind., has named

Heather Burger, Dylan Dues, the Dean's List for the fall Brendon Harden, Kenneth 2009 semester. This honor Hayes, Joshua Kleczynski, was achieved by holding Rebecca Myers, Autumn a grade point average of at Nethercott. Tara Ormiston, least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.

Michigan Matthew Schloop, and the Taylor Schumacher, all of

average for the fall 2009 the following students to the Dean's List for the 2009 fall Dean's List for outstanding performance during the 2009 fall term

Heather Spratt and Christopher Welcher, both of Ada; Jennifer Campfield, Trevor Kline, and Sarah Krumrie, all of Alto; and Tristan Smith and Heather Baird, Walendzik, both of Lowell.

Heather Quick and Laura Bueche, Stevenson, both of Ada, to

BOWNE **TOWNSHIP** NOTICE

The Bowne Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal years 2010-11 at the Bowne Township Hall 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI 49302 on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. "The property tax Millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed Budget will be a subject of this hearing." A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Township Office at the above address Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noor and I:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. 12:00 noon.

> Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk

Kristin Johnson, of Alto. was among the students having attained a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale at the University of AlmaCollegehasnamed Findlay to be honored on the

> Western Michigan University has announced the graduates for the 2009 fall semester. Michael Bushell, John

Chovanec, Shaun Scudder, and Susan Shaw, all of Ada Mark Biener, Thomas

Eldridge, Courtney Engel, Curtis Holt, Drew Morrison, Saint Mary's College, and Tiffany Venneman, all of Lowell.

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City council news in brief

regarding improvements has been set for Monday, March 29 at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Williams & Works will conduct a work session management. This will be held at no cost to the City.

setup of a new prototype lime slaker unit received a model project, therefore,

session approval Monday night.

The present lime slaker is 33 years old and in need of replacement according to Water Treatment Plant superintendent

Technologies Corporation will install and setup the

The installation and unit at no cost to the City. test phase at no cost to It is providing the unit as the City.

A pavement manage- the Lowell City Council's saving the City over

A slaker feed unit necessary for the replacement.

Regan recommends an auger driven feeder at a cost of \$16,000. The Water funds would be allocated through the water fund.

The new slaker will new prototype slaker with also benefit from any the removal of the existing new updates during its



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The Lowell Showboat Garden Club is holding their monthly meeting on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall.



At this month's meeting Ian Warnock from The Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park will give a presentation on the Art of Container Gardening.

The public is welcome. Please RSVP if you will be coming to the meeting. You can RSVP at 897-6537 no later than Friday, March 12, 2010 Donations are welcome to help

cover the cost of the speaker.

2010 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE **VERGENNES TOWNSHIP**

10381 Bailey Dr Lowell MI 49331 **2010 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Vergennes Township Board of Review for 2010 will be held at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr, on the following dates:

*Tuesday, March 2, 7:30 am, = Organizational Meeting *Monday, March 8, 3 pm to 9 pm = Appeal Hearing *Wednesday, March 10, 9 am to 3 pm = Appeal Hearing

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2010 assessments. By board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 5.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2010 are as follows:

*Agricultural	50.15%	9970
*Commercial		
*Residential	53.11%	9414
*Industrial	49.50%	1.0101
*Personal Proper	tv50.00%	1.0000

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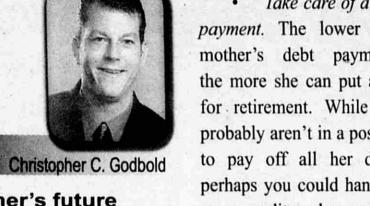
The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 4

Contact: Tim Wittenbach, 13005 3 Mile Rd, 616-292-4595.

Board of Review Members. Jim Herb. Ken Ford Dan Faulkner and Tim Wittenbach Secretary of Board of Review This article was written

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financial focus



Invest in your mother's future

Mother's Day almost upon us. This year, her IRA, or \$6,000 if she's in addition to giving Mom some flowers and a card, why not brighten her day and her future — by making for that purpose. a financial gift?

Your first thought might be that giving your mother a check may seem "tacky." But these days, everyone can use a little extra cash. However, you can find other services your mother uses. types of financial gifts that (If you give shares that you can have a longer-lasting impact. Here are a few ideas records of your initial sales to consider:

IRA. If your mother is still working, she can contribute needs to pay capital gains to an IRA — and she should. Either a traditional or Roth IRA is a great way to build tax-advantaged savings for might consider giving her Before donating this type of retirement. Yet most people a corporate or government don't fully fund their IRAs bond, which can provide your tax advisor. each year. In 2010, your regular interest payments.

is mother can put in \$5,000 to 50 or older. While you can't directly contribute to her IRA, you can write a check

 Purchase investment for Mom. If

you can afford it, consider giving a few shares of stock. possibly issued by companies make products or that own, you'll need to keep price; this information will • Help Mom fund her be useful to your mother if she ever sells the shares and taxes.) If you think your mother could benefit from an increase in her cash flow, you

Take care of a debt mother's debt payments, your mother doesn't know to pay off all her debts. a Mother's Day gift.

would probably please her

greatly. Furthermore, your

generosity may provide

you with an immediate tax

group to which you donate

meets the tax deductibility

guidelines established by the

IRS. In fact, if you donated an

appreciated asset, such as a

stock, you could possibly get

two tax breaks: a deduction

on this year's taxes and the

avoidance of capital gains

taxes that will result from

the eventual sale of an asset.

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75 years of Social Security

75th anniversary of Social lot when they came to old

Roosevelt signed the Social represents a cornerstone in Security Act into law. Since a structure which is being then, Social Security has built but is by no means been a cornerstone of our complete. It is, in short, a law nation, touching the lives of that will take care of human almost every American at needs and at the same time one time or another — for provide the United States an

President greater soundness." Roosevelt signed Social Security into law, he said, "The civilization of the past hundred years, with its those days, just as they are startling industrial changes, today. Social Security is

the year by showcasing Social milestones Security's 75-year history on our website. We encourage you to learn more by visiting Social Security's History Page at www.socialsecurity.

economic structure of vastly Change and economic insecurity were regular parts of everyday life in

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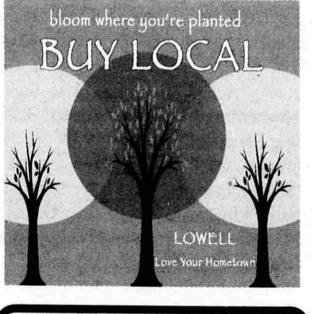
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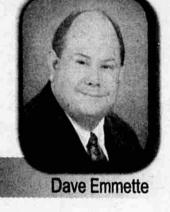
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What an umbrella policy is and why you might need it

Most Americans view auto insurance as necessary to protect against the costs of a car accident.

Likewise, it's common knowledge that homeowners insurance helps families rebuild their lives and homes An "umbrella" policy is not as well known, but anyone who owns a home or any assets should consider buying it.

Umbrella liability insurance covers you in many situations if you are held responsible for bodily injury, property damage, or personal injury. The product got its name because it adds a higher level of protection above auto, homeowners and boat policies, which are "primary" policies. Umbrella coverage kicks in after primary insurance

Looking

By Shelly MacNaughton

125 Years Ago

The Lowell Journal

March 4, 1885

It is reported that there are agents in town selling

silver-plated ware at exorbitant prices. It is best to know

what you are buying also the value of the article before

Rapids Telegram — has been enlarged to a seven

column folio. This evidence of prosperity is gratifying to

the many readers of that excellent daily.

will not be accepted.

The sparkling and enterprising paper — the Grand

100 Years Ago

The Lowell Ledger

March 3, 1910

Announcement is made by Western Union Telegraph

Company that it will shortly be prepared to handle long

night messages at the rates customarily charged for ten-

word day messages. It appears that the Western Union

has a large unemployed milage of wire which is not

earning. To be taken at those rates "night letters" must

be written in plain English language, that is to say, code

words or communications written in foreign languages

is exhausted. What's more, vehicle owner, homeowner, primary coverage for held responsible for someone losses not covered by other else's injuries, insurance.

Typically, can usually add \$1 million- including for a few hundred dollars suffering." per year and multiple-policy

insurance under auto and negligent person. homeowners policies pays expenses (for example, an leaving a party

for costs of defending against a claim or lawsuit. It's common for a driver. umbrella policy offers or boat operator/owner to be

damage, lost wage and/or insurance expenses. An at-fault driver agents sell an umbrella policy also can be held liable for in conjunction with auto and personal injury (which is homeowners coverage. You distinct from bodily injury). plus of liability insurance injury such as "pain and

discounts often can be had. coverage do? The umbrella One tactic insurance pros is a shield to protect an suggest: raise deductibles individual from having to tap on auto and homeowners into savings or sell assets to policies and use the premium pay a judgement or claim. savings to pay for umbrella The umbrella policy keeps the hands of the claimant does primary from the personal, family insurance pay for? Liability and business assets of the

neighbor kid falling off the lost wages) because the policyholder was at fault through negligent actions. Liability coverage also pays

> loss that's excluded from psychological

What does umbrella

injured person's medical home, dog bites and the

town's firefighting facilities.

trampoline - these incidents can cause financial losses. Even lending a friend a ski house or lake house for the weekend can create a claim. A tree in your yard that blows over in a storm and crushes the neighbor's car is another example. A home-based business that requires visitors to come to your house may create a

homeowners coverage. All these incidents may cause bodily injury, persona injury and loss of wages. These losses might exceed (or be excluded from) primary insurance limits and

an umbrella policy? Most

75 Years Ago

The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo

March 7, 1935

The proposed purchase of an additional fire truck

for the village brought forth spirited discussion among

councilmembers at last Monday night's regular meeting.

Two of the members waxed warm in their declaration

that the village could not afford to make the purchase at

this time, while other members were of the opinion that

the purchase should be made in order to augment the

50 Years Ago

The Lowell Ledger

March 3, 1960

Monroe "Pete" Geldersma, aged 42, of 100th Street

Route 2, Alto, was electrocuted Friday afternoon,

February 26, in a freak accident at the White Products

Corp. tank plant in Middleville. Mr. Geldersma is

survived by his wife, Mary Ann; one daughter, Karen

Sue; three sons, Kenneth Lee, Ronald Jay and Paul

About 3,500 boys and girls in Kent County will join

in observing National 4-H Club week from March 5 to

12. These local youth, ages 10-21 years of age, are

among the two and a half million 4-H'ers in America

and 70,000 members in Michigan belonging to clubs.

25 Years Ago

The Grand Valley Ledger

March 6, 1985

An Ada man was ordered to pay \$5,000 for two

hunting dogs that he shot on property owned by his

father on Bailey Dr. in Vergennes Township. The award

stems from a Jan. 1983 incident in which two dogs

belonging to Patrick Bigelow were shot on property

owned by William Scheur, Sr. Bigelow sued both

Scheurs claiming that the dead dog was "willfully and

wantonly" killed. The Scheurs argued that Bigelow

and his dogs were hunting illegally. The elder Scheur

claimed that dogs had killed deer on his property in the

past and that he and Bigelow had previously clashed

over trespassing

picks up these costs, whether or not a person is actually found to be liable. Defense costs generally are covered in addition to the liability imits of the umbrella policy. Conversely, a person

might face a damaging situation such as a false arrest

or imprisonment, defamation. invasion of privacy, wrongful entry, eviction or malicious prosecution. Most will want to defend themselves, but will face legal and other costs to do so. Homeowners coverage won't cover it; umbrella coverage can.

ask kathryn



Do you get headaches? look at the psychological Neck and back pain? Have aspects as well as the you been losing hair or physiological response of Who should consider having skin rashes? Do stress. The second article you have stomach upsets or will discuss the age factors hassles with heartburn? If and stress. It is titled "What yes, your body is probably stress does do to aging." those active in community telling you that you are The next article is on, affairs. Serving in civic, dealing with too much stress "How to prevent stress" and it's causing some "wear and will give you tips on organizations can lead to and tear" on your body and how to balance your life so conflicts, claims and even mind. Stress is everywhere that you can avoid stress. lawsuits. Even if a lawsuit and a true enemy of health The fourth article entitled is thrown out of court, you and productive living. All of

us have what I call body "hot recovery techniques and spots" that yell "help" when a plan that will help you you have too much stress (for instance, the stomach manage stress. Finally, the last article in this series will generates too much acid or be an "activity specific" plan breathing becomes labored that will help you remove because of asthma). Body "hot spots" are different for residual effects of the everybody, but the message is the same: REDUCE THE STRESS! The next five ill effects of stress." articles will discuss what

The first and next article will be entitled, "What can kathryndenhouter@gmail. stress do to you?" We will com

stress does to your body and

mind and will present several

tips on how to handle stress.

stress. This is also indicated in the title "Canceling the If you have any questions or would like to share a comment or a concern, please email me at

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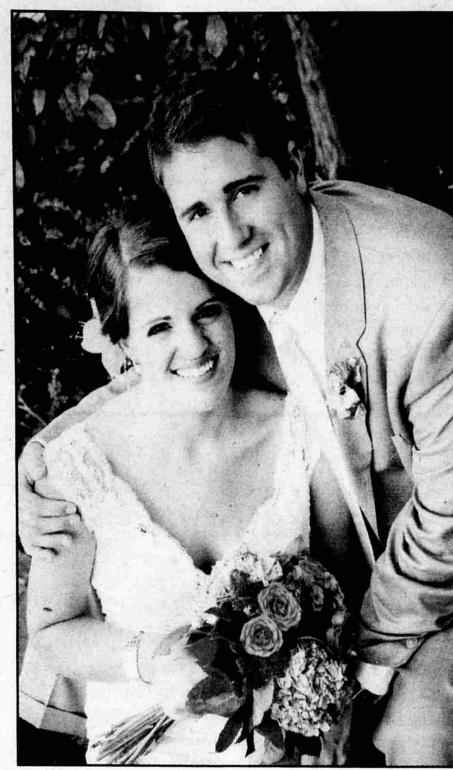
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Write us online at... thelowellledger.com Irish Dance and the beautiful

music department's event.

weddings

Meibeyer/Gerard



Emily and Zane Meibeyer

Meibeyer were united in Flower girl was Malia marriage July 11, 2009 in Meibeyer-Folkema. an outdoor ceremony at Best man was Benjamir Thornapple Pointe Golf Briggs. Groomsmen were Club. Parents of the couple are John and Lori Gerard of Lowell and Greg and Deanna Meibeyer of Fremont.

was Elizabeth Gerard. Bridesmaids were Jessie Meibeyer-Folkema, Scholten, Megan Meibeyer, Whitney Cerak, Jennifer

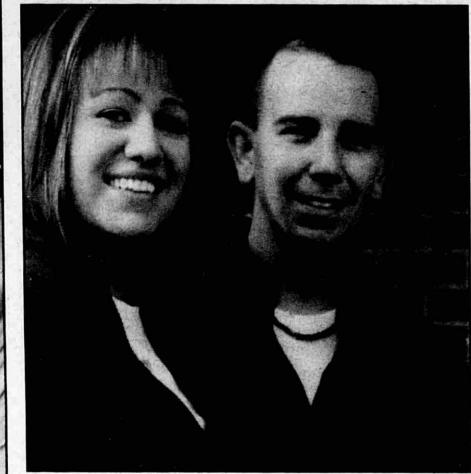
Emily Gerard and Zane Casey and Allison Lehman

Jason Folkema, Brian Gerard, Joe Ksiazek, Nick Davis, Will Casey and Zac Banks. Ushers were Bill honor Johnson and Daniel Gerard.

The couple currently resides in Boston, MA while Amy attending graduate school.

engagements

Sova/Termini



Mary Sova and Chuck Termini

Termini will be pronounced is a graduate of Dear Valley husband and wife on April High School and is a United 11 in Phoenix, AZ. The bride States Air Force Veteran. to be is a graduate of Lowell His parents are Charles and High School. Her parents Cheryl Termini of Phoenix. are Mark and Sue Sova of

Mary Sova and Chuck Lowell. The future groom

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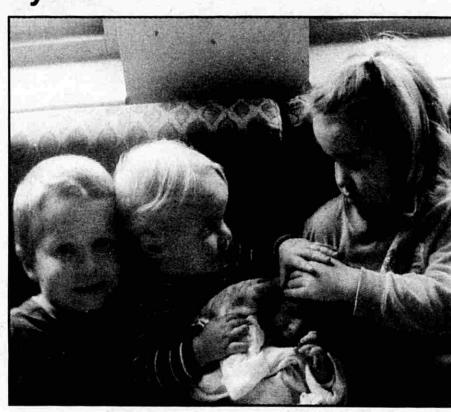
Traditional Irish music and dance

ballads and dance are just sound of the Uilleann pipes, part of the celebration of played by Rockford's Albert traditional Irish music at Valk, adds a special touch the Franciscan Life Process to the Franciscan Center Center's Afternoon with the Arts: a Celtic Lore. The Tickets and gift certificates annual music department may be purchased in benefit concert will be held advance by calling 897-7842 Saturday, March 6, beginning or e-mailing registrar@ at 1 p.m. This year's program lifeprocesscenter.org The \$20 includes solo and ensemble ticket will also be available harp, vocal and instrumental at the door. Admission pieces, and Irish step dance. includes tea and scones. For

A performance by the more information, see the young dancers from Grand Franciscan Center website at Rapids' Quinn School of www.lifeprocesscenter.org

area births

Lyons



Fisher Bradley Lyons with siblings

Easton, Charlie and Gage Alto. Grandparents are Dick are Brad and Lisa Lyons of Lowell.

Lyons are excited to introduce and Pam Posthumus of Alto their new brother, Fisher and Ron and Dianna Lyons of Bradley. Fisher was born Lowell. Great-grandparents October 2, 2009 weighing 7 are Lola Posthumus of Alto, lbs. 6 oz. and measured 20 Marilyn Lambson and the inches long. Proud parents late Glenn Lyons, both of



birthday!

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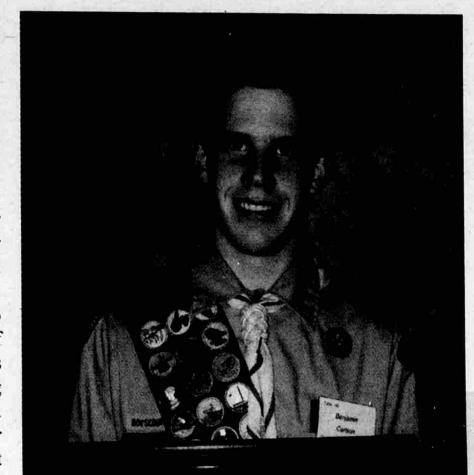
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Six Lowell scouts honored at banquet

The Gerald R. Ford Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) had a recognition banquet on Feb. 18 at DeVos Place in honor of the 204 young men within the surrounding 12 counties who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout or Silver Award in 2009. The number of recipients was a record breaking year for the council. The event, which also celebrated the 100th year of scouting, included attendees from the 477 scouting units within the council. Among those honored for achieving their Eagle Scout

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rank were: Mark Johnson, crew. He was also the crew Dirk Ritzema, Gary Liu, Maxwell Stormzand, Parker leader for the Gerald R. Ford and Del Rockwell were in Liu, Devon Chopp and Ben Council contingent that went attendance to support the Carlson, all from Troop 102 to Philmont National Scout Lowell scouts. According in Lowell. Jeremiah Gauger, Camp in New Mexico last to Mike Sulgrove, GRFC from Crew 102 in Lowell, summer. Governor Mitt executive, there are more was among four Silver Award Romney provided the key than 5,000 registered adult recipients recognized. Ben note address in an event volunteers who spend their Carlson was the single scout attended by approximately time and talents helping honored as the 'Eagle Scout 1,000 guests and included more than 21,000 youths in of the Year.' Carlson, who was community leaders such as this Council understand the also the Troop 102 Scout of Dick DeVos and Fred Meijer. values based program of the Year, has held numerous Randy Jesberg, Scoutmaster Scouting. Troop 102 and leadership positions within for Troop 102, and several Crew 102 are both chartered the Lowell based troop and other Troop 102 mentors, through the First United

Ben "Chili" Carlson was honored as Gerald R. Ford Council's Eagle Scout of the Year.

Methodist Church of Lowell Troop 102 meets on Monday evenings in the Scout Cabin at the end of Washington Street in Lowell.

Comics, continued

coming of age," he said, "realizing our potential."

Myers, on the web, Thursday, 'The Precarious working on my own stuff.

It is about the main character's search for his parents who were kidnapped

Myers distributes his release for Myers. Comics with Adrian Wilkins and Anthony Harv at www.anacomics.com/web comics. He published the print version through www. ka-blam.com. He also sells on Indy Planet.

Myers is planning on publishingaspringanthology collection of different stories and a swimsuit issue. The Harijan collection will be in color. His comic books sell for \$4.



DOES YOUR

DENTIST

"I enjoy the storytelling covering his costs, but publishes every Tuesday and and the art," he said. "I like Myers wants to be able to

The goal of Ana Comics about his work.

partnership is to help people

and partner web site Ana if I don't produce," he said. on May 1.

Myers likes working by "But I am my own worst himself to stay in full control critic." Right now, he is barely

justify the time creating Adventures of Newton von I don't want to change my away from family. He is style to fit somebody else's beginning to hear from other professionals positive things

"Overall it is rewardand brought into another in the same position as ing," he said. "People are Myers. Creating is a form of looking at my work in a different light." He will have

Nick Myers has self-published comic books in print and on the web.

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Kara Hansen, Exercise Physiologist, from Covenant Village of the Great Lakes will be speaking on "Heart and Soul Harmony" (i.e. physical activity and its benefits)

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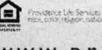
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Creekside Park is the place to get a workout and burn calories

Susan Maxwell Stevens

While many were stuck in twittering in the fresh air a gym or on their treadmill at while they felt the burn. home, Lowell area residents Lowell Community Wellness

Loss Challenge. advantage of the beautiful surroundings of West Michigan parks to bring together nature and a healthy and varying the workout each

> stick with a fitness plan. Connecting mind with nature adds another dimension to the workout. Using the natural surroundings to balance on rocks, scamper through the snow, and leap across puddles or ditches, keeps participants focused on what is around them and helps calm the mind.

bay and can help participants

"I didn't think I would have as much fun as I did." said Catherina Bek. "I had to force myself to go outside, but I am so glad I did. It was a lot of fun and it was a great workout! The time flew by!"

Eco Trek Fitness was created by Cari Draft, of Spring Lake, to offer a fresh approach to her fitness

brought Eco Trek to Lowell clients and spotlight the best as part of the Lowell Weight of West Michigan. "Being out in the fresh air makes Eco Trek Fitness takes you feel like a kid again and keeps you motivated to stick to your fitness goals," she 759 pounds already.

lifestyle. Exercising outdoors Wellness wanted to bring Eco Trek to Weight Loss time keeps the boredom at Challenge participants to help motivate them to keep moving and keep losing. the The Weight Loss Challenge said Maegan Malone, continues until March 10 committee chairman, Weight

Loss Challenge and board member, Lowell Community Wellness. "We hope this helps them get that extra people have lost a total of boost as we approach the

Lowell Community Wellness is an all-volunteer educate the greater Lowell community to attain a healthy lifestyle. Go to www. lowellcommunitywellness.

Middle school Students of the Month

when the winning team

will be determined by how

many pounds they have lost

together. Teams totaling 88

hard to stay on track and

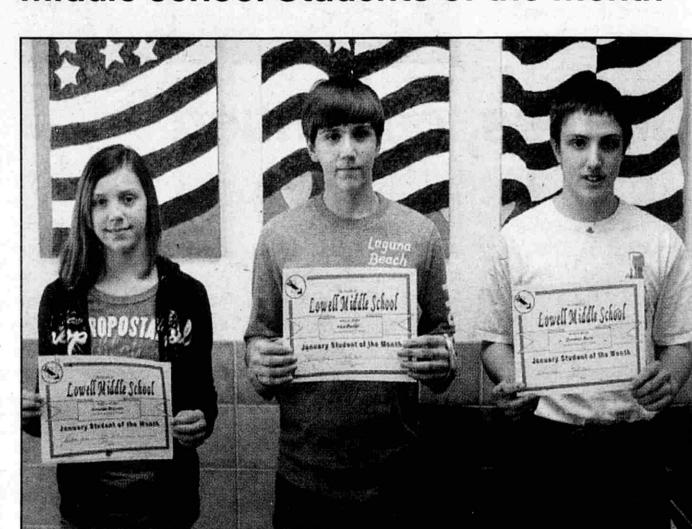
partnered with Eco Trek to

bring this program to them

for free, with a small fee for

non-challenge participants,"

"Participants are working



and Dominic Beers.

Max Barber and Amanda

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Pictured, left to right, are: Kim Malone, Catherina

Bek, Caroline Jamison, Teresa Beachum, and Liz

Baker.

2910 Alden Nash Ave SE Lowell, Mi. 49331

2010 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE The Lowell Township Board of Review for 2010

will be held at the Lowell Township Hall 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE, on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. - Organizational Meeting

Monday, March 8, 2010 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 11, 2010 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

To appear at the March Board of Review, call on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 616-897-7600, to Schedule an Appointment.

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2010 assessments.

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 11.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2010 are as follows: .50.49%. *Agricultural. ..51.41%. *Commercial ...0.9725

..56.19%. *Residential. .0.8898 ..53.34%. *Industrial. ..0.9373 .50.00%. *Personal. .1.0000

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Board of Review Members: Dave Simmonds, Barbara Tremblay & James Foerch. Jerry Hale, Township Supervisor, Secretary of Board of Review.

Lowell Middle School They are: Dominic Beers, has announced the January Students of the Month.

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ELEMENTARY

MENU

Week of

March 8, 2010

MON: No School

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carrots.

Alto, Cherry Creek

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Records Day.

Beers is an eighth grade student who likes hunting, fishing and working hard. His favorite subject is Math. His favorite thing about LMS is getting to see all of

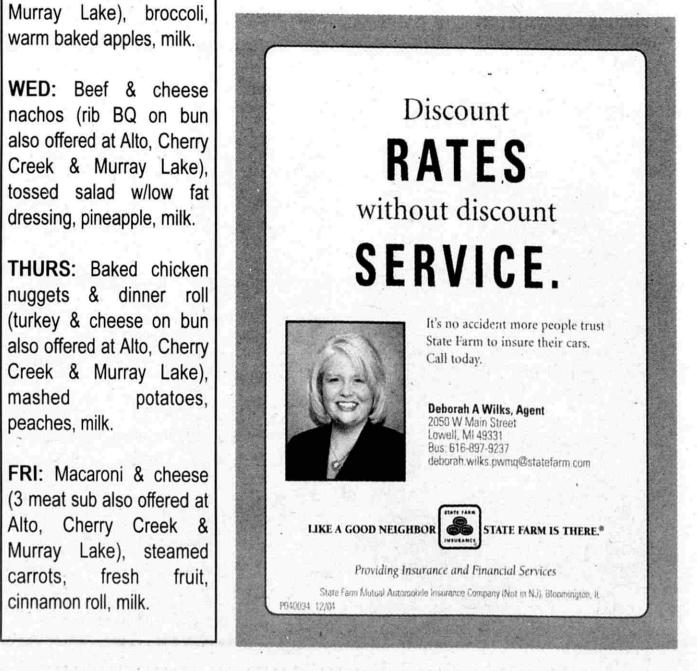
student who enjoys sports, drawing and reading. Social

Studies is his favorite class because he likes learning about the past. Being able to interact with friends as well as learn is his favorite part of going to LMS.

Brenner is a sixth grade student who enjoys writing stories and English class. Her hobbies include basketball Barber is a seventh grade dance, acting and playing the flute. Brenner really likes the nice teachers at LMS.

We cannot control the evil tongues of others; but a good life enables us to disregard them.

- Cato the Elder (234 BC - 149 BC)



Catherine Acker

Husband Gary, children, Jeff

Position: Partner/Lowell City Directory Residence: Grattan Township Education: Two-year degree Experience: 30 years in design at the Buyers Guide

Billy (deceased), Cody, Connor, Kyle

Watching football, reading, gardening, farming

Jeanne Boss

Position: Partner/Lowell City Directory Residence: The Planet Youron Education: Majored in photography & graphic design

Experience: With Ledger/Buyers Guide since 1991 - editor/design Husband James, 3 daughters Hobbies: Sailing, photography, gardening, kayaking and kuraulting

(wandering with purpose)

Tanny Janowiak

Position: Partner/Lowell City Directory Residence: Cascade Education: Lowell High School/1988

Experience: Office manager/Lowell Ledger & Buyers Guide Husband Brad, daughter Calihan,

stepsons, Bill and Bobby Farmville, camping, gardening

Entrepreneurial women carry on with unique product

the staff at the Lowell City Directory it means nobody goes anywhere until every last detail is finished. Then the directory is sent off to the printer, J-Ad Graphics/ Lowell Litho, awaiting the the Lowell Expo, always in March.

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the Lowell City Directory (LCD) is a much sought after product that has been around for the last 35 years. Most local people don't even use what they call the "big book" or the Grand Rapids phone book.

But, it wasn't until 1995, when three entrepreneurial women took it over from former Lowell Ledger and Buyers Guide publisher Roger Brown, that it changed remarkably.

When Brown no longer wanted to publish the book, the trio, president Catherine Acker, vice-president Jeanne Boss and secretary Tammy Janowiak, formed the Lowell City Directory, LLC.

"We like offering that service of the small town book to the community," said Acker.

Acker, with 30 years of design experience from the Buyers Guide, composes ads for the directory and organizes data.

who is in charge of design, layout and photography for the directory, said the biggest competitive advantage of the directory is the fact that it is local and unique.

we decided to continue it because people in town liked it," said Boss. "It's easy to use and specific to Lowell."

Among the changes were that the directory went from paid to free during the years of competition with an out of town phone book. It went from paste-up and shooting of negatives to being fully computer generated.

And the covers reflect the local beat, whether it was the 2008 cover with a squirrel in a tree or the 2009 iconic barn out on Lincoln Lake.

"Our squirrel was created during the time when everyone was upset about the trees being cut down,"

Janowiak's role is to keep on time, and for the high When it's crunch time for everything on track making demand of the directory. sure the database is correct.

> "I am the organizer," for so long, it's hard to break she said. "I get everything that run.

Although the team each getting out the directory for official annual unveiling at has their own part in the the Lowell Expo. This year, project, they all agree the it will be unveiled on March biggest challenge remains 27. the database, also known as the list. The elusive list time. It's up to the printer remains in a constant state to get it done on time." said

> "We are always trying to make sure the database is directory include year-round correct," said Janowiak.

The LCD purchases a database program and compares it to the existing flexible payment options.

double 'checking for accuracy," Janowiak said.

In the beginning, one of the challenges was the big transition in desktop publishing programs. InDesign came along and combined the graphics programs, text programs and

"The whole process became smoother," said Boss. "The most important part is that the directory remains consistent and easy for customers to use."

So, were there times when any one of these women wanted to quit the directory? Absolutely.

For Acker and Boss, it was that one stormy February night when the computer crashed and they lost the whole setup ready to go to the printer.

"We lost the entire "When Roger gave it up, thing," said Boss. "It took us until 5 a.m. to recover the entire directory. It was a sick

> But, they stayed with it because the next day the directory had to go to the

> am lucky to be working with two people who wouldn't let me stop if I begged them," laughed

> For Janowiak, it was two years ago when there was a lot going on in her life. "I didn't want to let Cathy

and Jeanne down," she said. So, the team stayed in tact for the rewarding aspects of the directory. That includes

extra income, satisfaction

from completing a project



Acker, Boss and Janowiak with some recent directory covers

increase in two years and in town.

The LCD team sees the and we're always willing to "The cost is manageable," future of the directory in listen to new ideas. and better," she said "We've gotten better said Acker. "We offer a its growth and increase in

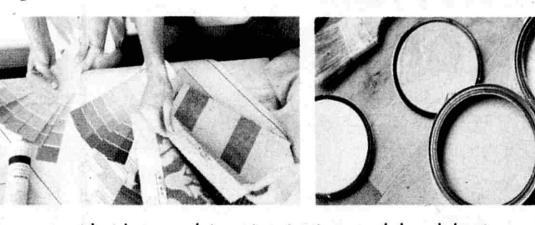
product at a reasonable price. value. "We'd like to see more advertising opportunities, The directory is one of the advertisers and we'd like like to see every business longest running businesses to see it grow," said Acker. in Lowell advertise in the "We're open to improving it directory.

"I'd like to see it bigger

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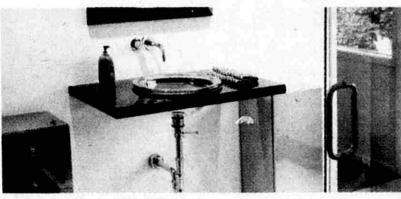
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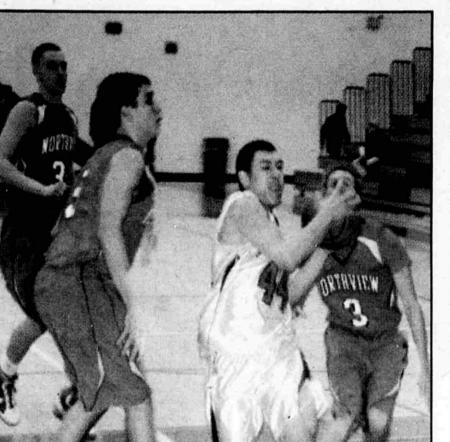
Lowell struck down by Rich and the Wildcats

In Lowell's effort to contain Darren Kapustka, making," a rising star shone brightly for Northview.

game-high 22 points in leading the Wildcats to a 53-

boys' basketball coach Jeff Kevin Rich tallied a the game wanting to contain Kapustka using a box-in-

one or some other junk type 44 O-K White conference defenses. Both Kapustka half for us. He made some



Jacob Meyer drives to the bucket in firsthalf action against Northview.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP

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said Lowell Rich scored 10 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, including two threes in the two-and-a-half minutes of the final stanza.

"Kevin had a big second big buckets," Northview coach Trevor Chalmers said. 'Lowell made a conscious effort to take Darren out of the game and Kevin stepped up for us."

fourth quarter built a five- Zach Noskey, Jacob Meyer point third-quarter lead to 11

have been giving ourselves points apiece. a chance to win the games in the second half of the fell to 4-14 overall and 2-8 "We've been playing well."

league play at 5-5 and is 7-12 overall.

minutes. The two clubs of two Derek Cornish free were tied 23-23 at half time. Northview created play. space with an 18-13 scoring advantage in the third quarter 17 points and Isaac Tawney and then finished out the

and Rich are all-league type game with a 12-8 advantage back from a 37-29 half-time

point deficit to five with 1:19 to play. The Red Arrows, guys. We're down eight however, went scoreless over the final 79 seconds while Northview netted four of eight free throws.

"I thought the boys played a solid first half. We fell behind by seven in the third quarter and then they felt like they had to save the world and became impatient," McDonald said. and Elliott Drain led Lowell in scoring with eight points "I was happy with our each. Derek Cornish and play in the second half. We Isaac Tawney added seven

> With the loss, Lowell in the league.

Mona Shores 47

Lowell picked up a 48-47 nonconference win against Mona Shores on Tuesday on the strength throws with 16 seconds to

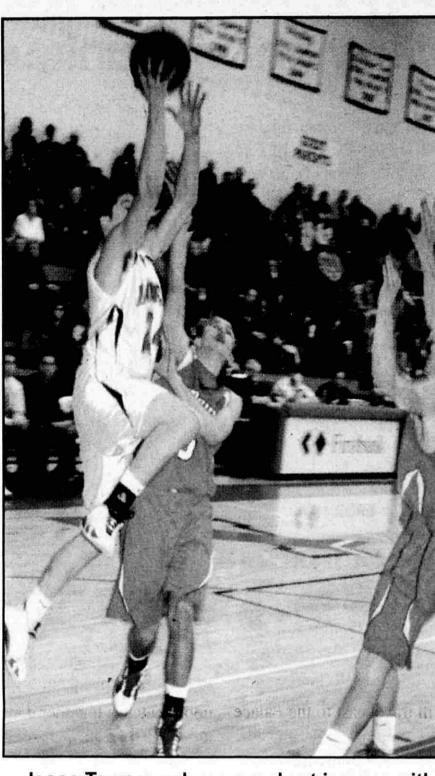
The senior finished with led Lowell in scoring with

The Red Arrows battled

over the final eight minutes. deficit to send the game into Lowell closed an 11- overtime at 42-42.

"I am happy for the

and instead of 'here we go again,' the guys competed,' McDonald said. "We didn't play well but we competed and good things happened."



Isaac Tawney releases a short jumper with a Northview defender under him.

Someone had to say it!

of the NHL, Sunday's game the same two teams. between Canada and the and a great showcase of far. some wonderful athletes.

phenomenal.

more proof is needed than don't have to watch it. the game's overnight ratings on NBC.

It's been a long time since Olympic Men's Hockey the NHL enjoyed such a big Gold Medal game drew a day on national television. 17.6 overnight rating on Actually, it was NHL NBC Sunday afternoon, up players, but Olympic 46 percent from the '02 Gold hockey. As a mild observer Medal game, which featured

Will the game serve as a game since at least '98. USA was the goods. It was resurrection for NHL fans in great theater, great drama the U.S.? I wouldn't go that 17.6 overnight for the game

It wasn't that many years That can be said of most ago people were yammering of the games in Vancouver. about how soccer would The skill and execution was become the next big sports Championship Game in television icon.

Back to hockey. It wasn't Yes, kids play it, but no 1980 and the Miracle on Ice, one watches it. Not even the can get their act together, but it was compelling. No kids! They play it so they the sting of the Olympic loss

it is, a great afternoon of Detroit. Canada/USA hockey, evidenced by the

millions who planned their Sunday afternoon around a game that garnered the highest rating hockey has seen since the Miracle.

To put the numbers in perspective, Sunday's game drew a higher overnight rating than every World Series game since 2004 (including every game of Yankees/Phillies last year), every NBA Finals telecast since 1998, and every NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four

Excluding the NFL, the is the second-highest of the year for any sporting event, behind only the Texas/ Alabama BCS National January (18.2).

Now if the Red Wings will be replaced by people Sunday's game is what dancing in the streets of

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Red Arrow SP0315

Red Arrow bowlers roll on to state; 2nd at regional

senior Kristin we're happy to be going to at a time and picking up Bouwhuis understands the state," Bouwhuis said. game of high school bowling more than most.

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and the next day you're not," Bouwhuis said. "You just never know. The game is so outstanding today,"

turned things around Friday. Second seems to be our track at the Division 2 regional at record. The girls finished Lincoln Lanes, as it finished second to Northview in the ahead of Northview, but league but turned around finished runner-up to Sparta.

Sparta won the regional

The second-place finish individual

games totaling 922 pins. Its "One day you're the best three team scores were 797, that your game is done."

Lowell girls' bowling coach Lowell finished second Eva Geldersma. "I think they tired a little bit in that last game, but we're doing well. and finished second today and beat them.'

In the individual regional Lowell with 3,159, and the at Lincoln Lanes on Saturday, Wildcats were third with Bouwhuis and Sarah Mogor both qualified for the state Bouwhuis' total pin count was 937 and Mogor finished

"That was our goal and "Bowling is one ball Creston, 2,561.

your spares," Geldersma Lowell rolled six baker explained. "The other key is not to get mad. Once you do

The Lowell boys' bowling were team placed seventh in a field of 13 at the team regional. Lowell finished with a pin count of 3,132.

Union won the regional with 3,676. Mona Shores was second at 3,621 and Kenowa Hills was third with 3,599. The top three teams qualified for the state tournament.

boys qualified for the state meet at the individual regional on Saturday.

Lowell was fourth at the O-K White conference tournament with a pin total of 2,343. Northview was first at 2,645, followed by Grand Rapids Christian, 2,585, and

None of the Red Arrow



Lowell girls' bowling team qualified for the team state tournament with its second-place finish at the regional on Friday.

Lowell's state eight are Palace bound

wrestling tournament which begins on Thursday night.

"The state individual tournament is all about minimizing stress, organization, rest and being on Ryan (189) Olep (171) task," said Lowell wrestling have positioned themselves coach Dave Dean. "You win, well for a run at a state ago in Division 2, is in a like a champion to position when you're focused on the how to, the method and not

just winning." Morse represent Lowell's competitors will face-off most favored wrestlers to before the finals," Dean return from the Palace with said. "Gabe is in a weight

Eight Lowell wrestlers but you still have to put four will travel east to the Palace good matches together. One in Auburn Hills for the at a time," Dean explained. Division I individual state "I always feel confident when Jackson (160) walks onto the mat and Andrew (145) is probably a heavy

> favorite." Gabe Dean (189) and championship.

opportunity to be in the Andrew and Jackson finals. His two biggest

"Yes, they are favored, class just filled with great around him, Dan Fleet is an Of the eight Lowell

> wrestlers who qualified for wrestlers at 152 pounds who state, Jake Fillingham (130) is probably the pleasant surprise of the state eight.

him get in there and place," Dean said. Connor Kruse, who

placed seventh a year "Ryan has a great Dean believes he can win.

Connor is capable of 130 winning," Dean said.

Andrew and Jackson Morse 46-10.

easy wrestler to overlook. "He's one of six

could win the whole thing," Dean said. Gabe Morse (135) "It would be great to see- has the unenviable task of Dan Fleet 37-7

wrestling in the toughest weight class. "It's loaded with great 160

athletes. Gabe has worked Jackson Morse 43-1 competitive field but one himself for an opportunity at Rochester Hills, 33-14. a state title," Dean said. "On any given day First Round Matches:

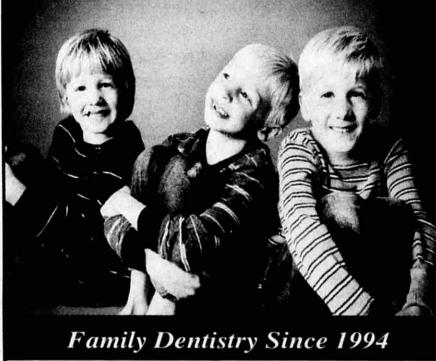
Jake Fillingham 28-16 With the splash of Chase Snider, Hartland,

Ryan Olep 33-3 Gabe Morse 37-7 Kyle Horr, Monroe, 54-5. Matt Vandermeer, Clarkston, 37-11.

189 Andrew Morse 42-1 Gabe Dean 32-3 Tyler Jackson, Holt, 32-15. Bobby Lahiff, Northville, 51-11.

Brent Winekoff, Canton. Connor Kruse 29-3 Chris Biggs, Ann Arbor

Pioneer, 41-8. Waszkiewicz,



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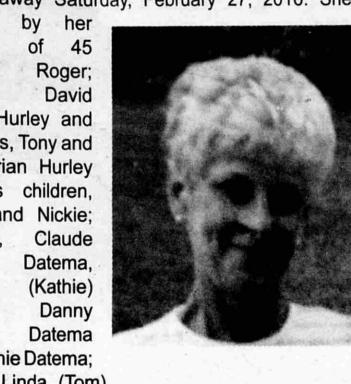
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obituaries

HURLEY

Sharon A. Hurley, aged 66, of Grattan Township, passed away Saturday, February 27, 2010. She is

survived husband Roger; years, children, David (Katie) Hurley and their sons, Tony and Matt: Brian Hurley and his children Korey and Nickie; Claude brothers, (Sally) Datema. Roger (Kathie) Danny Datema, Datema (Diane) and Lonnie Datema;



sisters, Linda (Tom) Himebaugh: aunt. Minnie (Vern) Butler: mother-in-law. Ella Hurley; sisters-in-law, Ann (Ray) Marentette, Helen (Bill) Thompson; several nieces, nephews and cousins Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, with Rev. Mark Peacock of St. Patrick Church, officiating Interment St. Patrick Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick Church, 4351 Parnell Ave. NE, Ada, MI 49301.

- LEGAL NOTICES -

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

File No. 10-188-045-DE

Estate of ELEANOR

M. COX. Date of birth:

March 11, 1921

TO ALL CREDITORS:

decedent, ELEANOR M.

decedent are notified

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presented to BRUCE

personal representative

estate will be

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NOTICE

Creditors

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF KENT**

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

Decedent's Estate

File No. 10-188-117-DE

Estate of ELIZABETH LEE BUCHER. Date of

birth: 7/18/1930.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE The CREDITORS: **CREDITORS:** decedent, ELIZABETH LEE BUCHER, who COX, who lived at 2161 lived at 6117 Charlevoix Leonard St. NW, Grand Woods Ct. SE, Cascade Rapids, Michigan died Township, Michigan November 17. 2009.

died 11/13/2009.

that all claims against the the estate will be forever barred unless forever barred unless presented to MITCHELL PACKARD, A. KACHUN, named personal representative or proposed personal or proposed personal representative, or to representative, or to both the probate court both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Suite 2500, Grand NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed the named/proposed personal representative personal representative within 4 months after within 4 months after the date of publication the date of publication of this notice. of this notice.

2/24/10

Mary L. Benedict Thomas E. Lane (P36477) (P45285) **688 Cascade West** 4519 Cascade Rd. SE, Suite 14 Parkway Grand Rapids, MI 49546 Grand Rapids, MI 49546 616-285-6050 616-942-0020

Mitchell A. Kachun 1241 Bates SE Grand Rapids, MI 616-970-0580

25, 2010. She is survived by her loving husband of 68 years, Dr. Richard D. Siegle; children, Marian Siegle, Judy Friedrich, (Ken) Annette Ujlaky, and Rick (Carla) Siegle; eight grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren. She lost her fight of five and a half years to pancreatic cancer. but left a legacy

Thursday, February

ledger

SIEGLE

Mabel Louise Siegle, age 91, of Alto, passed away

family of how to live life – making the best of each day. Mabel enjoyed baking and cooking. She loved to share of Battle Creek, Janet (James) Cook of Litchfield, Jane with family and friends her homemade goodies and it (David) Gardner of Lincoln Park; numerous nieces and was always a special treat to receive her box of candies, nephews; special friend, Jane Balcerzak of Caledonia; pies or other baked goods. Mabel was a tireless worker special daughter, Sandra and granddaughter, Ashley and for 40 years she was a partner with her husband Henwood. He was preceded in death by his parents; Dick at Cascade Hospital for Animals. Volunteering in brother, Albin Stenholm, Jr.; spouses, Eva Ratajec and the community was also a passion of hers. In 1975, Marsha Datema; granddaughter, Lindsey; parents-in-Mabel received the Michigan Volunteer of the Year law, Ann and Steven Ratajec; sisters-in-law, Angeline award from Gov. Milliken for her work with the American Kline and Anna Nosich; and brother-in-law, Don Kline. Cancer Society. Mabel was a loving wife, phenomenal Mr. Stenholm was employed by Packaging Corp. of mother, grandmother and a caring friend to many. The America for 17 years and Advanced Packaging for 10 celebration of her life was held at the Metcalf & Jonkhoff years. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered Friday Chapel on Monday, March 1. In lieu of flowers, memorial at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church with Rev. contributions may be made to Mayo Clinic's pancreatic Eugene Okoli, presiding. Interment Pinehill Cemetery, cancer research center in Rochester, Minnesota or the Kentwood, Visitation Wednesday 6-8 p.m. and Thursday American Cancer Society.



HILL, GORDON C

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF KENT Circuit Court - Family** Division

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

2/25/10 File No. 10-188-124-GA

In the matter of EMMA SHOFFNER.

TO ALL INTERESTED 616-897-6632 PERSONS including: MAXINE LASCER

Bruce Packard whose address(es) are Grand Rapids, MI 49507 1725 Justin Ave NW unknown and whose Grand Rapids, MI 49534 interestinthemattermay be barred or affected by

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on 3-23-10 at 9 a.m. at 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: to appoint a full guardian for Emma Shoffner.

John D. Flynn (P27413) 1275 Hawthorne Hills SE Ada, MI 49301

2/25/2010

Tom Davis 121 Franklin SE 616-248-1379

STENHOLM

Eugene Edward Stenholm, Sr., aged 77, of

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Caledonia, passed awaypeacefullyathis home on Saturday February 27, 2010. He was born to Ann and Albin Stenholm in Battle Creek on April 18, 1932. He is survived by his sons, Michael Stenholm of Charlotte. Eugene Stenholm Edward Jr. of Grand Rapids; Karen daughter, (Timothy) Long

granddaughter, Kimberly Ann Kalbeek of Grand Rapids; sisters, Mary Ann (Carlton) Crothers 6-8 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson,

Selfishness is not living as one wishes to live, it is asking others to live as one wishes to live. - Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)

Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made to St.

Mary Church, 402 Amity Street, Lowell, MI 49331

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE BOWNE **TOWNSHIP**

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Please take notice that on March 15. 2010, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Bowne Township Offices located at 8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto, Michigan 49302, there will be a public hearing held regarding the requested Township approval of the approval/transfer of a Class C liquor license to The Edge Banquet and Conference Center, LLC for its location at 6555 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan 49302. In addition, the applicant has requested approval of a special designated merchant (SDM) license from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to permit the consumption of beer and wine outdoors (or take out beer and wine sales) during special events at The Edge Banquet and Conference Center at 6555 Alden Nash Avenue in Alto.

Copies of the application and supporting materials for this request can be reviewed, purchased, or inspected at the Township offices on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Written comments will be considered as long as they are received at the Township offices by the commencement of the public hearing. The Bowne Township Liquor License Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2004-02) governs such applications, together with state law.

> Respectfully submitted by Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk

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MASONIC LODGE #355 - wil exemplify the Master Masor Degree for candidate(s) on Mon. March 22 beginning at 5 p.m. (first section). Masonic Temple, 211 MARCH 31 - Winter Reading make a beaded bookmark. Gilda's payback hourly specials. Open to E. Main, Belding. Dinner will be 1320 E. Main St. Sponsored by section will begin at 7:30 p.m. All

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Tuesday, the 16th day of March, 2010, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, William R. Byl, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "MOSELEY COUNTY DRAIN," and the apportionment thereof will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 336-3688.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the drain commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If there is no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment. The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

AS A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE DISTRICT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT.

The following government units and permanent parcel numbers of the parcels of land within the Special Assessment District of said drain will be assessed:

41-12-23-

300-002, -004, -007, -008; 400-005, -011;

41-12-26-

100-004, -005; 200-001, -002; 300-002, -010, -011;

41-12-27-

100-017; 200-002, -006, -007, -009 thru -011; 300-002, -006, -014, -016; 400-005;

41-12-34-

200-009, -014, -022, -030, -031, -033; 400-001, -018 thru -020;

41-12-35-

100-003, -005, -007; 200-003, -004; 301-004; 351-007, -009; 376-012; 400-012;

Grattan Township at large and the County of Kent on account of roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you: Mary Hollinrake - Clerk of Kent County, Franklin Force - Grattan Township Supervisor and Jon Rice - Kent County Road Commission Managing Director, that at such time and place, as stated above, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Moseley County Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

AND EACH OF YOU, owners and persons interested in the above referenced parcels of land, are hereby given the opportunity to appear at the time and place noted above to review the apportionments and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation to them, if you so desire.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2010.

William R. Byl, Kent County Drain Commissioner

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last week's poll result:



February 24 - March 2

- Death toll rises to over 700 after a major earthquake in Chile. Tsunami warnings generated for Hawaii and other Pacific islands fortunately do not pan out.
- The 2010 Vancouver, B.C. Olympics come to an end as Canada wins the gold beating out the U.S. in hockey, 3-2.
- In Orlando, Florida, a trainer at Sea World is dragged into the water and killed by a 12,000 lb. killer whale in front of spectators. This is the third time this particular whale has killed.
- An Abercrombie and Fitch employee is fired for wearing a headscarf. The Muslim girl is told the headwear does not conform to the company's "look policy."
- Marie Osmond's 18 year-old son commits suicide by jumping off a 15-story building in Los Angeles.

To vote on the current poll question go to:

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Sound Off! The Ledger's "Almost" anything goes column!

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To the lady in her 60s or 70s in a black coat Monday around 12:30 p.m. - Thank you for stealing my bottle return slip. Was the 80 cents worth it?

I, along with others, miss having the T.V. guide in the Ledger. Why was it taken out? Will it ever be put back in? Please comment in this week's issue.

Editor's note: We would love to provide the listings but the cable providers no longer advertise. The best place to start is with them.

To Mr. Brown with the airplane of renown miss the stories about the Stearman, wonder if it survived the bad storms in Florida?

- E. Marshall

Thank you, thank you to the woman in the black Jeep who found our escaped dog on Sunday, Feb. 21 on Alden Nash and returned him safely to our family. I will repay your kindness and generosity by paying it forward.

- Judy Proefke



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Red Arrow

Red Arrows surprise 'Cats, 26-18

Following its 26-18 win over Northview, Red Arrow girls' basketball coach Danielle Gallert summed things up this way, "It feels good to win."

There were a number of reasons to feel good.

Lowell improved its league record to 5-5, its overall record to 10-10, showed some aggressiveness at the offensive end, and it beat a team (Northview) that it will likely see again on Wednesday in district play at Greenville.

Katie Tompkins slips between defenders in

action against Northview Friday night.

the winner playing Lowell. "This was definitely a game we wanted to win going into the district," Gallert explained.

The Wildcats open district

play against Greenville with

It wasn't how Northview coach Mike Kapustka wanted his Wildcats to finish up the regular season.

"This is not suppose to happen. We had two great days of practice," he explained. "Yes, we didn't shoot well, but we didn't do anything else well either."

Both teams struggled to score throughout the contest. Lowell led 6-2 after one quarter of play and 8-6 at halftime. The two teams traded buckets in the third quarter with Lowell leading 14-12 going into the final stanza.

The Red Arrows opened the final quarter of play on an 11-3 run to take commanding 25-15 advantage.

"Our girls did a great job of finding their scorers and getting a hand up," Gallert said. "The girls also did a good job of getting the ball and boxing out."

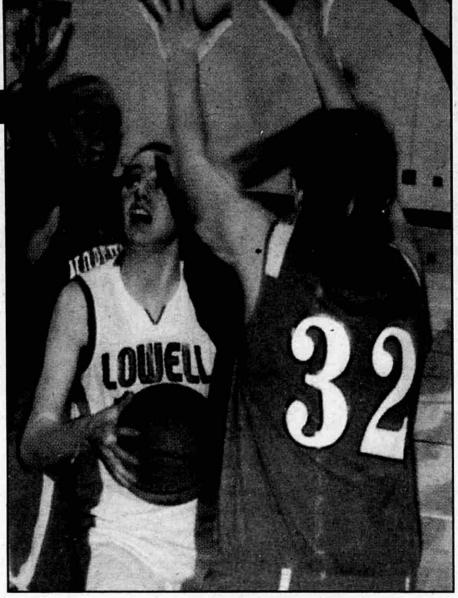
Katie Tompkins led all scorers with 10 points and Brooke Curtis contributed with six.

In a nonconference loss to Mona Shores, Lowell was minus the energy as it fell 41-28.

"The girls just didn't play well," Gallert said.

Lowell trailed 23-16 at halftime and 30-21 going into the fourth quarter.

Stephanie Stevens led the Arrows in scoring with 10 points.



Stephanie Stevens finds her way into the lane in Lowell's 26-18 victory over Northview.

Hockey team wins regular season finale

A Billy Watson slap shot from the point, in overtime, lifted the Lowell-Caledonia hockey team to a 3-2 win over West Ottawa.

In the overtime period Lowell-Caledonia took a penalty that put them down a skater. A long-clearing pass deflected off a referee onto the stick of Jacob Anderson as he skated down on a

breakaway. It appeared as though he was pulled down from behind, but no penalty was called.

The ensuing face-off, now with 4-on-4 hockey, resulted in the game winner as Watson found the upper left corner of the net.

West Ottawa opened the scoring, in the first period, on a carom off of a LowellCaledonia player. Kolin Morgan tied it up with about a minute left in the second period. Morgan scored again in the third period to give Lowell-Caledonia a 2-1 advantage.

That didn't last long as West Ottawa scored on a power play goal to send the game into overtime.

