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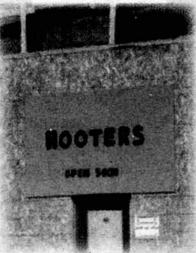
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### Left turn light installed to alleviate traffic congestion

by Emma Palova

DVT Electrical from Wyoming installed a left turn light at the intersection of Hudson and M-21. This is part of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) detour plan to alleviate traffic congestion during the downtown bridge replacement project.

The detour started Monday, April 5. It maintains eastbound traffic at all times and reroutes westbound traffic via South Jackson Street to Oberly and Grand River Drive, Hudson Street back to the downtown intersection at M21. A new light was previously installed at Alden Nash and Grand River Drive as well.

Parking in the downtown area will be maintained in several lots and streets. These include Avery Street by the police department, Broadway Street, lots by the chamber, the city hall, King Milling, the museum, the library and Riverside Drive.

See maps on page 2.

Project engineer
Darrell Heuker said the
project is on schedule. But
the construction crew has
already found unexpected
objects such as steel
sheeting and concrete piers
underground.

"We always run into something unexpected," he said.

A barrier wall is being set up to separate the work zone from traffic. The crews will be removing the permanent barrier wall on the edge of the bridge and removing existing deck from both bridges, removing beams from both bridges, patching and repairing the abutments and piers.

Next, they will rebuild beams and bridge deck. Ongoing utility work will be done at the end of the bridges and in between.

"There should not be any power outages," said Heuker.

Because of the tight schedule, the workers will end up working on Saturdays and Sundays to make up any time lost.

The contractor is located south of Main on Front Street.

Westbound traffic will use the detour to access parking lots on Broadway Street, by the museum and on Riverside Drive.

The actual project is a superstructure replacement of everything above the water, including beams and the deck, and railing, and will extend the life of the bridge by another 50 years according to previous MDOT, reports and the shareholders meeting held in February.

Also, every Wednesday at 1 p.m. there will be project updates at the chamber offices.

According to the reports, there's approximately 19,000

Detour, continued, page 2

# City presents preliminary budget

by Emma Palova

DVT

**Electrical** 

Wyoming installed a left

turn light at the downtown

intersection last week.

The preliminary general fund budget for 2010 to 2011 is tight, as projected, due to continuous loss in state revenue sharing and decrease in taxable value in the city.

The fund balance stands at \$200,951 with \$2.47 million in revenues and \$2.43 in expenditures. One mill in the city is valued at \$97,607. The millage will be kept as is for now.

The budget provides a salary freeze for all full time employees because a one percent increase would cost the general fund \$8,500. However, last year, the staff got a two percent increase. Health insurance is projected to increase by 10 percent.

Other provisions include the elimination of seasonal employees in parks and cemetery, which would leave the sexton Don DeJong doing all the mowing full time, according to Department of Public Works (DPW) director Dan DesJarden.

If eliminated, DPW would lose 4,000 man hours along with its six seasonal workers. The crew is used also for local street patching.

Also, the police department is restructuring to reduce part time officers. Full time officers have agreed to scheduling and overtime reductions.

Projects including new ground cover at Creekside Kingdom and roof replacement at the library will be covered from last year's grant funding.

One mill or \$97,607 will be transferred to the local street fund. The milling and repaving of South Pleasant and South West streets will be covered from the Community Development Block grant funds and the Local Street Construction Fund. This will leave \$25,000 for street maintenance.

"This gives us street maintenance work and an idea of what's going on with the general fund," said city manager Dave Pasquale. "We're keeping things as tight as possible."

City mayor Jim Hodges said other communities are biting the bullet as well. The budget is scheduled for final approval in June.

In other business, the city council set a public hearing date, on the proposed ordinance that would allow temporary soft-sided garages in the city, for May 3. This has caused a lot of controversy over the past year, both among citizens and some, opposition by the planning commission. Al Mathews spoke against structures at the meeting.

The city council approved fireworks on July 10 for the Riverwalk Festival.

### Warm weather brings out the fishermen



Godwin of Lowell and Fred Brown enjoyed fishing for steelhead on the Grand River as the weather unseasonably warmed up to the upper 60s prior to Easter. And even though they didn't catch anything, Godwin said it was better to be outside. However, with the lack of rain last week, there was a grass fire by Fallasburg Park.

# New phase of development will be environment friendly

by Emma Palova

Phase 3 of the Alden Nash West development, located within walking distance of the Lowell High School, promises to be environment friendly complete with a rain garden and a portion of the Lowell trail.

The rain garden will catch the storm water and it will have plants.

"It's more environment friendly," said developer Steve Hanson of Hidden Acre Development Company Inc. The builder is Larry Schout.

Alden Nash West 3 has a 500-foot landscaped

boulevard entrance consisting of 41 home sites. The average size of lots are 100 feet wide by 170 feet deep.

The reason the development has done so well, according to Hanson, is the location and the access to homes under \$200,000. Most lots allow for 20x30 accessory buildings.

"It has country atmosphere, yet close to shopping and walking distance to [the] high school," said Hanson.

On top of all the

mentioned advantages, the lots are oversized and offer quality construction homes.

For example, the first sale in phase 3 was for a couple who were transferred and had to sell their first home in the subdivision.

"They are moving back and they are having us build another home in the same subdivision," said Hanson.

In spite of the economy, all the sites except for two, in the first two phases have sold over the last few years. The average price of homes is

Development, continued, page 3

### Detour, continued

cars a day traveling across nesses have relocated in April and then after July

is phased out in two stages. Stage one, on the north side of the bridge, runs from April 5 through July 5 and it is slated for completion prior to the Riverwalk Festival. During stage one, pedestrian traffic will be maintained on the south side of the bridge.

Stage two, on the south side of the bridge, will run from July 13 through Oct. 1. At that time, pedestrians will the bridge. The banner poles will need to go down for the actual construction.

sure that people can move around and do business. according to Art Green of MDOT.

Green previously in a shareholders' Girls' Night Out.

downtown events and the DepartmentofEnvironmental Quality (DEQ) regulations in the Flat River.

"It's not a typical project," said delivery engineer Nate Galusha. Papa Troll will have some vibrations, dust and noise. We'll keep it during the annual Harvest

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the bridge; three percent of specifically because of 15 by two feet in order to get the fear of the vibrations. The construction work Modern Photographics has

> the "Troll Project" is in full swing. After the official announcement at the Expo. there will be more troll building workshops so business as usual. "It's just

> each business has their own individual troll with a story. "We made a choice to make some lemonade," said chamber director Liz Baker. between MDOT, the city, "The bridges have to be Lowell Light & Power, and

repaired and the challenge for the historic commission. us was to decide if we wanted

marketing effort known as site at www.lowellchamber. vellow hard hats during www.michigan.gov/drive

A troll drop is being Progress meetings

for lowering the water level at the completion of the project with the unveiling of a permanent troll by artist and he will be introduced Festival in October.

The water will be lowered

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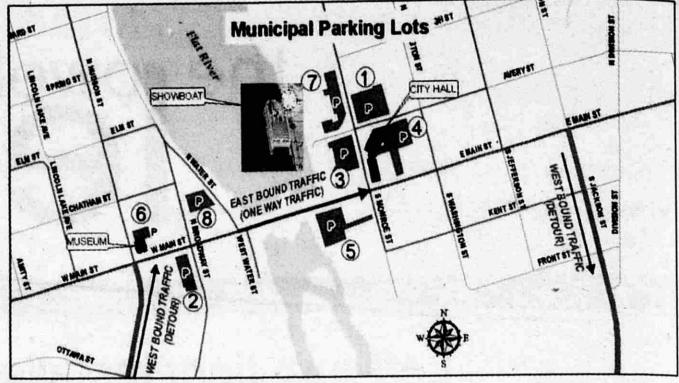
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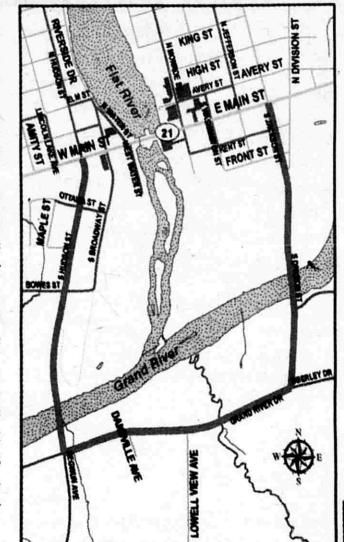
moved to the former Flat challenges," Green said. "It is an asset, but it's not just concrete, steel and mobility.

getting everything in place,"

The project entails a lot of stake holders' coordination

to grumble and complain or determined to keep lines And MDOT is making try our best to make this into of communication open. something positive and we A project brochure will be decided to make the best of available both online and in print version. A blog will be the entire maintained on the chamber the "Troll Project" will be org. MDOT's website will inform about closures. planned for a Saturday in be held on site and at the May. Two hundred and fifty chamber office. The contact trolls will be dropped from person for the project is the sky along with bridge Darrell Hucker at 1-616-464-1802, cell 1-616-262-4293 or Everything will culminate heukerd@michigan.gov





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4.) City Hall West Bound Traffic Use Detour to Access 5.) King Milling

> M-21Bridge Project **Westbound Traffic Detour Route**

Take S. Jackson St. across the river to Oberly and Grand River Dr. Turn right onto Grand River Dr. to the traffic light at S. Hudson St. Turn right onto S. Hudson St. to the traffic light at W. Main St.

Eastbound Traffic - No Detour



#### **BUILD A TROLL**

Drop by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce building. 113 Riverwalk Plaza, anytime April 8 and 9 between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and build a troll to showcase at a Lowell business during the Troll Project. For more information call 897-9161.

#### **FOOD PANTRY**

The FROM Food Pantry is presently in need of cereals, crackers, canned fruit, fruit juice, dish soap, and personal care items such as toilet tissue. Please help if you are able.

#### **ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES**

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

#### **BOY SCOUTS HOLD OPEN HOUSE**

Boy Scout Troop 102 of Lowell is holding an open house for the community of Lowell from noon until 4 p.m. Sat., April 10 at the scout cabin. There will be demonstrations of scouting skills, historical displays of scouting in Lowell through the years and past Eagle Scout projects and more. Lunch will be served throughout the event.

#### **RELAY FOR LIFE**

American Cancer Society Relay for Life team captains meetings will be held Apr. 20 and May 25 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the conference room at the administration bldg., 300 High St. Relay for Life is June 11-12 from 3 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lowell High School. For more information visit www. relayforlife.org/lowellmi or contact Carol Briggs at 897-5501 or cbriggs@lowellschools.com Sign up your team today.

#### FREE PRESCHOOL

If your family resides within Lowell Area School district, your preschooler may qualify for a free preschool program. If your child turns three- or four-years old on or by Dec. 1, 2010, call our automated number at 987-2699. Leave your information and an early childhood specialist will be in contact with you.

#### **COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN**

Parents of children who will be five-years old on or before Dec. 1, 2010, are invited to a parent informational meeting on April 20 at Murray Lake Elementary; April 22 at Bushnell Elementary; and April 15 at Alto Elementary. A kindgergarten information packet should be requested prior to the parent meeting. Please call the school in the area which you reside to have an enrollment packet mailed to you.

### Spay Neuter Express aims to reduce euthanasia of healthy animals

Hospital of Lowell, Bruce Langlois is making some changes and expanding.

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services to anyone regardless income. SNX be a low cost outpatient alternative to a full service

are many people in need of this service," Langlois said.

Many people have chosen to not spay or neuter their pets for financial reasons in the current economy or at a full-service hospital, pay for money spent on their pets.

"SNX will now give project. everybody an alternative so that their pets can get sterilized, thereby reducing the euthanasia of healthy adoptable pets at our local shelters," said Langlois.

many clients from Grand The Spay Neuter Express Rapids had to travel to the (SNX) started about a year Lowell location. A weekly stop is scheduled at the Grand Rapids location, SNX will be working with the humane society.

> "This will be a very convenient location and one that will be easy to find for Grand Rapids residents," said Langlois. Currently SNX goes to

Ionia, Owosso, Stanton and veterinary hospital, effective Ithaca animal shelters. The animals get neutered before "I have found that there the adoption paperwork is completed. Shelters request sterilization as a condition of adoption. Surgeries are also performed at the Animal Hospital in Lowell.

Also, the Spay Neuter Express in conjunction with a higher cost and then reduce Vicky's Pet Connection will be doing the Inner City Kitty

> "Our goal is to spay and neuter 1,000 cats this summer," said Langlois.

This service is offered with a free will offering for Kent County residents. If SNX will start a new the client is unable, it will of in the local area that has a location in Grand Rapids course be for no charge. This need. Contact Langlois if at the Centerpointe Mall service will be Thursday you know of a location that starting April 15 because nights at 1601 Madision.

is first come, first served. The cats need to be brought in a secure carrier with towel. Adults should fasted for 8 hours and kittens for 4 hours. The males will be discharged at 10 p.m. the same night and females will be released at 9 a.m. the next morning. Contact Langlois if you have a place for posters

at 897-8484. SNX will be starting a daily transport service for Spays and Neuters. The animals will be picked up on Monday-Friday morning and transported to Lowell for surgery, and then will be returned the next morning Tuesday- Saturday.

Some locations may just want once a week pick-up, a scheduled pick-up or a pickup on an as needed basis (such as TNR programs.)

Langlois will be working on securing locations for pick-up in Grand Rapids Newaygo, Reed Hastings and anywhere else

"My goal is to continue to provide high quality, and much needed service, and to expand the services of SNX Animal Hospital of Lowell

reduce the euthanasia healthy adoptable animals," Langlois said.

Registration is at 5 p.m., and can be used for transport to help more people and to with any needs that are not For more information go to www.lowellvet.com or Contact Langlois at the www.spayneuterexpress.

### Development, continued

have sold for over \$225,000 and Lowell. up to \$300,000.

Phase 3 consists of 13 additional home One home has sold for \$174,900 and the construction will start in the next 30 days. The home has three bedrooms, two baths, walkout ranch featuring 9 and 10 foot ceilings, private master suite, kitchen with center island, and partial stone exterior. Construction on streets be completed in the next 60 days. for homes. including lots, will start at \$160,000 and

Hidden Development Company currently has three ongoing developments

go to over \$200,000.

\$180,000 even though some in Byron Center, Allendale building the homes. Larry Schout has been building for

Schout Builders Inc. are over 35 years.



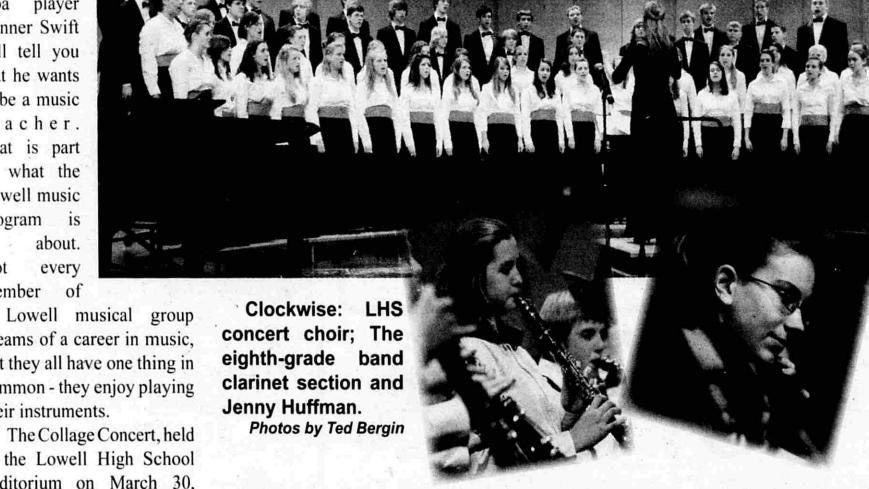
Developer Steve Hanson with builder Larry Schout.

### Collage Concert features talented student musicians

future plans, tuba player Conner Swift will tell you that he wants to be a music teacher That is part of what the Lowell music program member

a Lowell musical dreams of a career in music, but they all have one thing in common - they enjoy playing their instruments.

at the Lowell High School auditorium on March 30, showcased the Lowell music programs. Soloists Mattie Kropf and Linnea Rash, Murray Lake Elementary teacher Jacqui Dimmick, Conner Swift and Mackenzie Carlson impressed the crowd of 500 or so spectators with their mastery of the pieces performed. Lowell Fusion Experience played a song titled Zombie. Other ensembles included the fiddle club, a saxophone quartet, a bass duet, a string quintet with Lowell orchestra teacher Wendy Tenney and a brass sextet. Bands, orchestras and choirs from the middle school and high school performed some of their favorite pieces. The winter guards showed video clips from their state competitions.



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MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr. Donald G. Gerard Honorary Medical Scholarship is provided for a Lowell High School graduate who is currently enrolled in medical school. Please contact Lisa Nauta 987-2913 at LHS for an application. Deadline is June

### LHS March Students of the Month

In conjunction with the \$20 movie gift card and a has continued to improve LHS Academic Boosters, Lowell High School announced that Dean Chittenden, 9th grade; and Conor McCarrey, 11th grade: are the Lowell High School March Students of the Month In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly Department Chair Meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character, and work ethic. There are 1283 students eligible for academically throughout the he received his scores from nomination, so this is quite school year in Algebra 1. He the February test and he an accomplishment for comes prepared each day, exceeded all expectations, Chittenden and McCarrey. eager to learn and willing to scoring a 26."

coveted position on the USA

the world's best athletes in

Led by Holland's very

Bong Jornales, this team

of five took home a total of full contact stick fighting.

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Chittendenwasnominated

by the freshman center



Dean Chittenden

east house and they write, "Dean has proven himself The students receive a help any of his peers. Dean

Five West Michigan 13 gold, silver and bronze "To have even one student

martial artists earned a medals during the recent make the team from this area

throughout the year and his increased confidence has produced increased success. His success in class has helped his social well-being as well."

Local martial artists head for world competition

three-day US National would be outstanding. To

WEKAF competition in have four students secure a

San Francisco, California. position on the US National

These competitors will team is remarkable! Their

now travel with the rest of hard work has paid off and

the USA National team, to I am very proud of their

Mexico, to compete against accomplishments," shared

champion title in forms and Bong Jornales. "Now we

Grandmaster 30-plus countries for a world instructor and Grandmaster

**McCarreywasnominated** by the english department and they write, "Connor is a student, who in ACT prep, worked diligently all trimester on each and every test to improve. Often he was frustrated with his results, but he kept on trying, even on days when others gave up just because they were tired or it was a Friday. Recently,

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic Boosters, who support the high school



**Conor McCarrey** 

in many ways. If you are be mistaken for asthma. 897-5671.

interested in helping support the LHS Academic Boosters

need to focus on taking home

a few world titles." The local competitors triggers than others. included Mariah Moore and Randy Moore, both of Alto: Mel Kimbrough of Muskegon; and Wendy Wigger-Jornales of Holland and range in age 16 to 45-

Vocal cord dysfunction amount of air moving in is when the vocal cords and out of the lungs. This partially close while you are test is useful in telling the breathing. This may cause difference between vocal shortness of breath, tightness in the throat, or a choking The second test is a sensation. Vocal cord

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> great fun as well. Everyone who signed petitions, wrote letters, or attended meetings had a part in this preservation and deserves to be proud of this accomplishment. The city council is to be commended for looking to the future and making this possible.

> > been demonstrating that they really are willing to listen to funds on the much needed the public and make good bigger projects. This way decisions for the community. we could all be part of the I hope all residents are solution.

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to the ...

Dear Editor.

editor

realizing that it is of great I'm excited that the Boy benefit to be involved in your Scouts are having an open local government. You really house at the Boy Scout can make a difference. In Cabin on April 10. This is addition to contacting your such a great area and so local government with your many within the community ideas and concerns, I'd like worked so hard for a number to suggest volunteering to of years to see it preserved help with possible upcoming as a park. The city has a needs and projects. I've wonderful asset here and this heard the council mention is the community's chance the need for cleanup of the to get a tour and have some park properties. I know one group recently helped with the changing of the lights on the Showboat. The Girl Scouts take the lead on garlic mustard pulls to help beautify the parks and trails and the Boy Scouts do numerous volunteer projects around town. We all know money is so tight; it would be nice to This city council has help with smaller projects so the community can use it's

name? Just an idea.

Mew Joint

I have one more idea for as residents within this park property. It was the location of our original utility company which was together to make this an even one of the first in the state. better place to live. This shows how Lowell has always been a leader and forward-looking.) Only a few of the original buildings Dear Editor, still stand on the property. Two of these are now being is your common sense and scheduled for demolition, your pride in Lowell? feel this would be a real an offer made to make the Lowell repairs. It seems the cost of than the cost to tear them been little interest shown preserved. A sign indicating Oh, come on! Steve Doyle their history as well as signs personally called on me and

original dam site and other

property now is to have an great additions to the trail official name designation, the North County Trail a contest-to come up with a bringing through this area.

ideas, help out and work

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Councilmembers, where feel so good to drive the

I am, of course, referring are in some disrepair but I an ordinance allowing "softunderstand there has been sided" garages in the City of turn an okay situation into a attractiveness of our city?

It has been indicated that materials couldn't be more the Council feels there has to factor in outside needs and expense when making any down. And what a great asset in the proposal and very purchase. It would be hard to our history to have them little negative comments. to believe that anyone would

The next step for this points of interest could be to the City and we signed buy a house with the thought our name in agreement. Is of beginning? I don't wish to deprive anyone of anything

Please, before any foolish tidy home. It makes me decisions are made, drive through Lowell and enjoy streets of Lowell and see the the steps that have been taken improvements being made to make our surrounding on the lovely old homes beautiful and welcoming. loss to our history. They to the question put forth in here. The property owners Do you see tents flapping have that pride and push to in yards? Do they add to the

> Please, don't ignore the thing of beauty. It only makes good sense property owners who are

> > Donna Jean Ford

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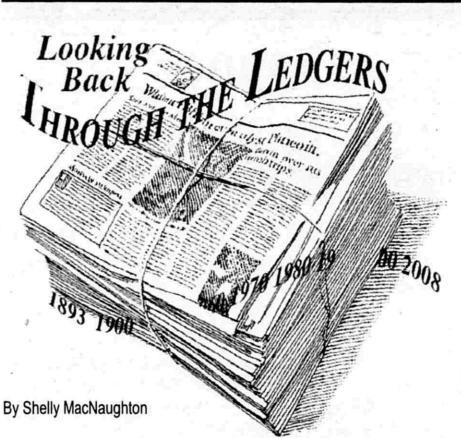
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#### 125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal **April 8, 1885**

Village property is now in better demand than it has been

John D. Yeiter, town treasurer, made a good showing in his settlement with the county treasurer. His return of lands for unpaid tax was only \$36.63 and he collected every cent of the drain tax.

#### 100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger April 14, 1910

The Lowell Auto Body company has orders for one thousand auto bodies before a wheel has turned and this morning the first carload of timber was put in the new dry

#### 75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo April 11, 1935

Highland Hills Dairy Milk was one of eight in Kent County selected to enter the state contest of retail milk producers. Mrs. Cameron received congratulations from the

general, especially congratulating her on the low bacteria

showing the location of fifty others to explain why

the Indian burial mounds, he felt this was a detriment

Rumbling of heavy laden trucks, continuous whizzing of motor cars, with the roar of an occasional tri-motor airplane overhead — that's Main St. these days.

#### 50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger April 7, 1960

Headline: "Stormy" Takes Early Plunge

Anthony H. Stormzand, 69, of 506 N. Jefferson Street. spent more than half an hour in the frigid waters of Murray Lake Wednesday afternoon before rescuers found a way to get him out.

Stormzand, who had been ice fishing on the Lake with Elmer Ellis, walked too close to the north end channel which was partly obscured by fog and fell through the thin ice. Bob Ward of Ada, hearing the calls for help, fell through the ice when he attempted to help Stormzand and was helped out by Mr. Ellis, Stormzand's fishing partner.

Bill Loughlin and Sidney Hoogeboom borrowed a boat and tried to rescue Stormzand by clearing ice through the channel while Mr. James Heether and his wife Barbara failed to pull Stormzand out with a rope. Mr. Loughlin finally pulled Stormzand, who was struggling to keep afloat, into the boat.

#### 25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger **April 10, 1985**

Three people were injured and one remains hospitalized as the result of a West Main Street accident last Wednesday at about 9:30 a.m. The accident occurred as a 16-yearold juvenile female from Lowell exited the McDonald's Restaurant in a pickup truck. She was attempting a left turn onto Main Street where an eastbound car driven by James McCaul, 74, of Ada, hit the pickup broadside at the driver's

Lowell police officer James Valentine has been awarded a citation for "Professional Excellence" by the Michigan State Police. The award was issued as a result of Valentine's key role in the arrest of Benjamin Acosta in August of 1983. Acosta was wanted for the hit and run death of a Smyrna woman. A statewide search for the vehicle and driver had proved fruitless for more than two weeks. Finally, Valentine, State Board of Health on her fine scoring and conditions in in response to a tip, spotted the suspect vehicle.

our signature worth nothing? coverage and hoping taxes Wouldn't it be fun to have Association is considering Can the same be said for the could be paid because they signatures gathered by Chris did not sit down and think As a community, and Fleszar? Later, I called City about those extras. Why the Hall to cast a "no" vote when should the entire city suffer community, let's talk, share the Planning Commission because the extra needs were asked for input. I was assured not factored in from the the vote would be counted but apparently it just fell Peggy Covert through the cracks. they truly want, but please Lowell is my home and look at the whole picture. I strive to keep a neat and

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Turkeys are often time. Then the effort was hunted as a team with one begun to re-introduce the hunter calling and the other species. The process began handling a gun or bow. slowly, but steady progress Hunters usually sit close was made to the point where together, which provides an the birds now occupy every excellent opportunity for county in the state. Due an experienced hunter to to weather conditions and mentor a beginner. Parents, favorable habitat, southern grandparents, and friends Michigan supports the largest can share the experience with youngsters and build When there were no memories to be shared for years to come.

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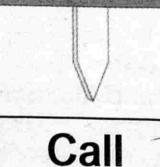
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## Road gets tougher for two-time defending league champs

by Thad Kraus

The rest of the O-K White doesn't care that Lowell, the defending twotime conference champion, only returns one starter from a year ago.

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eye off the bull's-eye that is 70s firmly attached to the back of a team that finished 26-8 last year.

guys are maturing into good baseball players. There is a lot of opportunity for them," said Lowell baseball coach Juston Miller.

The Red Arrow coach has posted a record of 102-63 in six years at the helm of the Lowell baseball program.

"We're reloading, but we expect big things," Miller

As with all good clubs that starts with pitching. The

top four starters include a lefty and three right handers. Kaleb Ort is the hardest

throwing Red Arrow. The other two right handers. Patrick Martin and Jordan Drake, along with lefty Will That will not take their Plummer throw in the high

"They are throwing hard and working on their consistency. They have done "We're young, but these a lot to get ready for the season," Miller said

> "They are developing their pitches and will need to build some fortitude and the ability to bounce back and deal with setbacks."

Other members of the pitching staff include Conor Barr, Alex Westdorp, Elliott Westdorp and Jacob Gould.

Another key element to winning baseball is defense Baseball, continued, page 10

Front row, left to right: Shane Ryan, Conor Barr, Sam Steed, Jake Gould, Kaleb Ort, Alex Westdorp, and Will Plummer; second row, left to right: coach Juston Miller, Matt Houston, Pat Martin, Elliott Drain, Jordan Drake, Eliot Westdorp, Keegan Hanrahan, and coach Shane Beach.

### A wealth of pitching elevates Lowell's outlook

by Thad Kraus

An abundance of young softball pitchers not only return but are better than they were a year ago.

That may help bring an abundance of success.

"They all pitched in the off season and got better," said Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse.

They are sophomores Lyndsey Crawford and Morgan Groom and juniors Amanda (M.J.) Vietzke and Kaylie Petroelje.

Crawford throws a nice drop ball and wheels a good stick at the plate. Groom finished strong

throws a legitimate rise ball

and coach Roger Wall.

and is recovering from ACl practice in the hitting cage. surgery," Rodenhouse said. All of that has to help a

from freshman to junior for the Red Arrows in 2010.

Petroelje is a transfer this year. from Grand Rapids Christian. She was the Eagles' number Rodenhouse said.

The youth on the mound says is representative of Lowell's

"We're young with varsity experience, but not young in softball experience," Rodenhouse explains. "Most Rockford. of the girls play summer travel ball and take part in off season conditioning and

Front row, left to right: Katy Mork, Kelsey Mankel, Morgan Rogalke,

Zoe Beloncis, June Ramsay, Molly Willemstein, and Abby Rogalke; sec-

ond row, left to right: coach Mike Mankel, coach Bonnie Wall, Caitlin

Baker, Kelsey Wittenbach, Taylor Mankel, Kelly Trapp, Brynlee Pomper

Vietzke was up and down team's overall quality."

Red Arrows The varsity last year, but is finished at 11-21 last year. labeled as a legitimate hurler Rodenhouse is looking for and expects a 20 win season

"There is no reason we can't win 20 games. It will one hurler last year. "Kaylie be a disappointment if we should help very much," don't contend for a league championship," Rodenhouse

> Lowell will need to play better because its nonleague schedule is challenging. It includes Unity Christian. Kentwood and Ionia,

> > Softball, continued. page 10



Front row, left to right: Amanda Vietzke, Sarah Mogor, KayLee Westerhuis, Kaylyn DeWaard, Lauren Dood, and Kelly Wyckoff; second row, left to right: coach Bill McElroy, Kaylie Petroelje, Rachel Wold, Lindsey Crawford, Leigha Frisbie, coach Bob Rodenhouse, Jenna Smith, Brianna Richardson, Morgan Groom, and coach Terry Wieland. Not pictured: Shelby Roberts.

### **Trapp to lead Arrow charge in 2010**

Lowell girls' tennis team's second-place finish at the Fruitport Invitational provided a little bit of a Red Arrows finished fourth measuring stick as to what might lie ahead for the Red Arrow netters.

be qualifying for the state

"I think we have a shot and her Red Arrows covet. qualifying for state," said Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Trapp, the Red Arrows' top keep trucking, keep moving opponent's best player.

handling the challenges with June Ramsay playing April 14.

levied by Grand Rapids at third singles. "Taylor has Christian and Northview. Lowell comes off a 6-6

season last year where the in the league at 2-3. Good hustle, good

The goal continues to close, tough matches are all elements that will bring the improved results that Wall

In singles play, Kelly

Taylor Mankel is penciled

a lot of potential and hits a strong ball," Wall said. Morgan Rogalke will fill Lowell's fourth and final

Kelsey Wittenbach and movement and pulling out Caitlin Baker, playing first doubles, opened the year with a tourney win at Fruitport.

> Brynlee Pomper and Zoe Beloncis are Wall's choice at third doubles.

singles position.

Molly Williamstein and Wall. "The girls have to player, will stare down the Katy Mork are slotted for fourth doubles.

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### Talented Lowell soccer team looking for results in 2010

soccer team should do just Timmer fine in 2010.

bunch of kids. This group of Legge. Timmer is described girls has better technical skill ability than any group I've "Athletically Jordan is very coached," said Lowell soccer coach Paul Legge. "Talent all know are two different

Arrows were 13-4-3 overall and 7-3 in the O-K White, good enough for third behind Grand Rapids Christian and East Grand Rapids.

could finish any of those bring together our speed and apiece. three positions," Legge said. athleticism into one package

Evan Kohtz.

much more!

If the results match the through center midfielders the Lowell girls' Michelle Foote and Jordan

Foote is very strong "This is a very talented technically, according to as a phenomenal athlete. gifted," Legge said.

> seniors: Courtney Schmidt, an all-state center back as a

> we've allowed 20 goals

driving brightly into future

Front row, left to right: Ben Hart, Tyler Bitterman, Jacob Hornbrook,

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Fredline, Grant Breuker, Zach Fizer, Evan Wilterink, Alec Roerig, and

Arrow golf program

Lowell's offense will run we will be successful and results will follow."

Prior to spring break, the Red Arrow results were mixed. Lowell lost a 1-0 decision to Caledonia.

"The girls had a shaky start. Caledonia is a real good soccer team. We were not able to finish at the offensive A strong defensive unit end and they scored in the and results, however, as we will be anchored by two last 30 seconds of the game to win it," Legge said.

> Lowell turned things freshman; and Kelly Stevens, around against the O-K a three-year starting outside Red's Grandville Bulldogs. The Red Arrows won the "With these two girls, nonconference game 4-1.

Claire Hopkins netted over our last 40 games," two goals and Timmer and "I think any of these three Legge explains. "If we can Sara Nagy each added a goal



Front row, left to right: Sara Nagy, Mackenzie VanDerWarf, Lauren Ferguson, Stephanie Stevens, Kelly Stevens, and Brooke Curtis; second row, left to right: coach Paul Legge, Sarah Kramer, Amanda Mott. Alyssa Kargl, Megan Montgomery, Claire Hopkins, Michelle Foote, and Jessica Montgomery; third row, left to right: Erica Walendzik, Paige McVey, Emily Oberlin, Jordan Timmer, Courtney Schmidt, Taryn Endres, and Caitlin Fitzpatrick.

y Thad Kraus

'golf is where it's at."

"We're back to that,"

on this year's junior varsity squad. All of whom are products of the Arrowhead Junior League.

really good. With this many program's future is bright," Fredline explains.

will blend a couple seniors, three sophomores, a junior and a freshman.

most consistent scorers. "Evan is our most

powerful hitter and Zach has probably the most consistent There are 15 freshmen overall game," Fredline said. Both Red Arrow seniors card low to mid 40's.

sophomores Grant Breuker, "Seven or eight a year is Alec Roerig, and Ben Hart, iunior Evan Kohtz and the freshman Brandon Poll are all shooting in the low to mid 40's by year's end, Lowell

season. "Kohtz has elevated his game while Grant, Alec Ben and Brandon all have solid games. They just need seasoning," Fredline

and East Grand Rapids are the league's favorites. Northview fields the conference's best player Casey Tull.

Fredline adds that if four rounds of 41, Lowell has a chance at finishing in the O-K White's middle of

That's the future. 2010 will have had a successful top heavy league.



Front row, left to right: Kaeleb Brown, Bailee Emelander, Sara Cadwallader, Kelsey Ward, Katie Tackmann, and coach David Cadwallader; second row, left to right: coach Keith Gillhespy, Brennen Rauch, Joe Schreur, Aaron Johnson, Derek Mixon, Steve Trierweiler, and coach Peter Chittenden, third row, left to right: Mia Carvajal, Bravot Morris, Sa-



The phrase of spring is

said Lowell boys' golf coach Fizer will be the squad's two Gary Fredline. "We have kids whose passion is golf compared to kids who like to play golf."

Evan Wilterink and Zach

Grand Rapids Christian

If Fredline can pencil in

Anything less than that will make it difficult to compete at a high level in a



mantha Hagerman, Ashley Metternick, and Denise Fyan.

# EREVIEW.

### 0-K conference lacrosse sure to be competitive

Personnel is there to compete for a lacrosse

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conference championship. Why not win a league

on the 2009 season, in a balanced O-K conference, competing for a championship is the rule.

Five teams finished within a game of one another last year.

goal tenders should keep Lowell in the conference championship discussion throughout the season

With that said, an injury to the Red Arrows' top offensive player in their season-opening win against Holland Christian could complicate things.

Kolin Morgan, senior, injured a knee against the Maroons. His status going

When Morgan is out,

Alec Downing will become the Red Arrows' top offensive

"Alec has switched from midfield to attack and has shown great improvement,' Lowell lacrosse coach Eric Bredin said. "I know we will score goals. The key, though, will be playing defense every

Seniors Jim McCormick and Isaac Tawney will help The 8-5 Red Arrows meld youth and experience.

McCormick, midfield, is an intense, hard nose player; he moves well off the ball. Tawney brings a quarterback mentality who likes the ball and likes to drive, according to Bredin.

Seniors Dylan Olin (captain) and Chris Bewell will play important roles in Lowell's success.

"Dylan is a student of the game. Chris has outstanding technique and clearing

New faces expected to

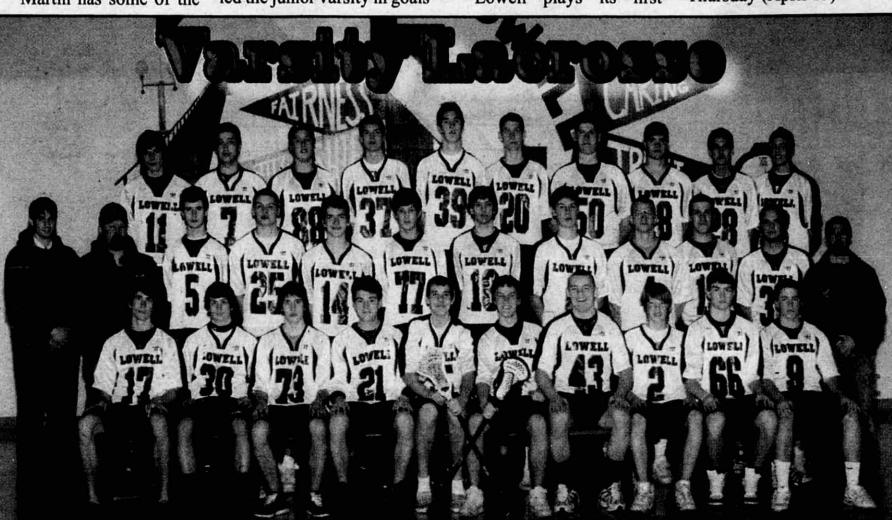
Taylor Martin and junior best stick skills on the team,"

Gerrid Ball.

Bredin explained. "Gerrid led the junior varsity in goals

Lowell plays its first Thursday (April 15).

home game of the year against Catholic Central on



Front row, left to right: Gerrid Ball, Joe Potter, Charlie Young, Josh Jacobs, Chris Bewell, Nicholas Getz, Sam Young, Reece Posthumus, Jim Collins, and Alec Downing; second row, left to right: coach Eric Bredin, coach Matt Hauschild, Stephen Hauschild, Austin Buckius, Kameron Claypool, Jonathan Bassin, Dalton DeBoer, Isaac Tawney, Kolin Morgan, Dylan Olin, Jim McCorstep in and make a difference mick, and coach Kaiser Downing; third row, left to right: Jake Bennett, Paul Luna, Tyler Bitterare sophomores Jim Collins man, Tyler Morris, Matthew Hanks, Jacob Litchfield, Austin Litchfield, Braydon Foley, Braden (face off midfielder) and McGillicuddy, and Taylor Martin.

### Boys' track works to nail down improved league standing



Front row, left to right: Nick McCormick, Alex McIntire, Tobias Marks, Sean Khodl, Javier Carrascal, Matt Kyllonen, Zach Robinson, Ben Partridge, Tyler Geurkink, Martin Brubaker, and Robby Coffey; second row, left to right: coach Russ Stevens, Chase Treglia, Cody Rockwell, Cody relay Kooiman, Tyler Lessens, Jeremy Wodarek, Chris Eckman, Wade Schlosser, Brandon Blough, Brandon Hrusovsky, Brent Cone, Daniel Geurkink, James Wierenga, and coach Clay Vander-Warf; third row, left to right: Nick McKay, Cody Bieri, Jacob Khodl, Tom Mark, John Schramm, Austin Tackmann, John Mark, Chris DeWeerdt, Robert Becker, Connor Smith, Carlos Ruiz, and Zack Jeffries.

There is plenty to be excited about as the 2010 Lowell boys' track season

How much that translates into results only the season that lies ahead knows.

With a large freshmen contingent, Lowell field a 50-man track team. It also returns seven of its top

"With such a large roster and a number of young kids, the key will being finding the right spot for each one of them," said Lowell boys' track coach Russ Stevens.

The top returning point scorers are Zach Robinson. Eckman, and Matt Kyllonen.

as a junior and will play significant role in Lowell's mile, two mile runs, and mile

"Zach looked good inside at Grand Valley, Now Stevens said. "It's his senior year. Time for Zach to take his place. It's go time."

Eckman is Lowell's iron man. His focus will be the 400 and the relays. "Chris is a dedicated kid

who works hard. He's my utility man. If I need someone to fill a spot, Chris is there," Stevens explained. If you're looking for

someone to go and to go quickly, then it's Tackmann you want to watch.

"He has great starts and beats everybody out of the block, which allowed him to compete in the final heat at Grand Valley," Stevens said.

If Eckman is the iron man. then Kyllonen was made for the decathlon.

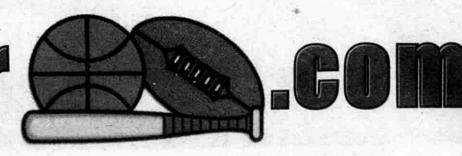
"Matt is just an all-around track guy. He's someone to watch over the next couple of years," Stevens projects.

Greenville is the O-K White favorite with Grand Rapids Christian its closest

"I think we have a chance to win some meets. I think we will excel in the mile and two mile, the mile relay, and we should do well in the 100and 200-meter dashes.'



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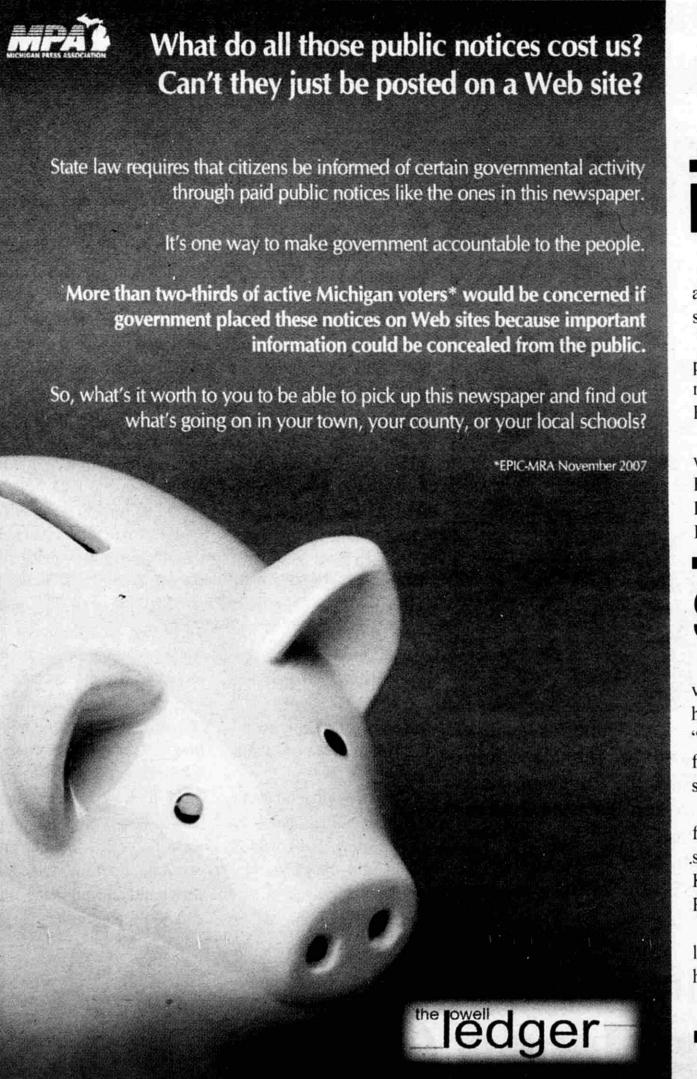


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### Red Arrow girls aim to supplant Eagles atop of the 0-K White



Front row, left to right: Chelsea VanderPols, Nicole Everitt, Carli Lewis, Kelsey Teft, Kayla Williams, and Jessica White; second row, left to right: Mariah May, Morgan Kornoelje, Alli Oesch, Anna Scudder, Mian Jackson, Hannah Boon, Kendall Hewitt, Kallie Holzhueter, Lauren Trasky, and Caitlin Brown; third row, left to right: coach Sarah Ellis, manager Kelsey Brown, Brianna Vezino, Vonda Kyes, Justice Cupp, Gloria Rivera, Crystal Vosburg, Kimmy Noall, Dana Franklin, Ashlyn Hussey, Kaitlin Fisher, Stephanie Vosburg, and Rebekah Betts; fourth row, left to right: Molly Denison, Amy Bartkus, Danielle Ordway, Alannah McBryde, Kendra Merriman, Haley Ladd, Mattie Newman, Emily Peterson, Brandi Aikens, Maranda Johnson, Sarah Aeder, and Kristin Fisher. Not pictured: Lexi Wabeke, Pauline Harrington, Sage Maliepaard, Annie Vescolani, Maddie Tomé, Abby Ellis, Chelsea Montgomery, Haleigh Timmers, and Jillian O'Haire.



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New faces, familiar faces and some unanswered recovery questions will all play significant roles in the success of 2010 Lowell girls' track team.

Amy Bartkus, Rebekkah Betts, Anna Scudder and Maddie Newman are the new faces representing energy, stamina and strength.

Bartkus and Betts will help strengthen a pretty solid distance crew.

"They both look pretty strong," said Lowell track coach Robin Briggs.

In Scudder, Briggs says the squad will get a nice Hewitt burst in the sprints. The junior is expected to run in the 100 and 200 meters and in the relays.

Newman is a freshman shot put and discus power fusion. She holds the middle school record in the shot. Newman, however, is nursing back to health a broken foot.

just doing power throws as in the distance events. we ease her back into it," Briggs explained

who is recovering from knee surgery in the early fall. When healthy, the junior will bolster the Red Arrows' Stadium.

attack in the 400, 800, 3,200 and mile relay. "We're going to ease her

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back slowly," Briggs said. Holzhueter set school records in the 800 and 1,600 runs a year ago.

If you're looking for familiar and proven on a roster with a few (seven) seniors and plenty of young blood, then Kelsey Teft is a welcome veteran. The senior should provide a boost in the pole vault hurdles and relays.

Other familiar faces are Miah Jackson, Hayleigh Timmer and Kendall

Jackson will lead the sprint crew and should be a force in the long jump.

"Miah jumped 15-1 at Grand Valley State. That's a great start to the season."

Hewitt is penciled in at the 400, 800 and mile.

Timmer, meanwhile, should provide a strong leg Lowell finished second

behind Grand Rapids The health matters do not Christian last year. Briggs is end with Newman. There is hopeful her Red Arrows can also junior Kallie Holzhueter catch and surpass the Eagles

> The two teams meet on April 27 at Red Arrow

## **Baseball, continued**

backup at third base.

filled by the Westdorp twins,

defending Class B state

athletes is also one Miller says is sound defensively.

Setting up behind the Matt Houston, Ort, Gould, plate is Lowell's sole and Martin returning starter, Keegan Hanrahan.

From first to third Lowell Elliott Drain/Gould (2b), Drain/Martin(ss), and Jordan the O-K White. Drake (3b). Martin can also

Grand Rapids Christian The outfield spots will be returns eight.

"Northview has a lot of young talent and Greenville, who played three tight games East Grand Rapids, the against us, returns most of its team," Miller said. "Our goal champions, returns seven is to win the conference, get starters from a year ago and through the district and then follow the Yellow Brick is an early season favorite in

### Softball, continued Defensively, Lowell's most improved player. "She and Kelly Wyckoff at third.

venerable coach believes has just gotten better. Her focus on situational play," he said.

KayLee Westerhuis and walks. Rachel Wold.

Patrolling the outfield be caught by Jenna Smith. for the Red Arrows will be The sophomore hit .329 last sophomore Kalynn De Waard, year and led the team in

DeWaard is fast, a natural the infield, from first to third lefty and is a slap-and-run with Leigha Frisbie at first; Shelly Roberts at second; Christian on April 13. Wold may be Lowell's Sarah Mogor at shortstop:

"If we need her, Kelly can

his defense will be decent. arm and mechanics have also play third," Rodenhouse "We'll need to work and all improved," Rodenhouse notes. "Sarah has a nice arm and is quick. I think she will The pitching staff will do a nice job at short for us. Shelly is rock solid at

The conference will be a three-team race between Lowell will line-up in Lowell, Grand Rapids Christian and Northview.

Lowell plays at Unity

**CHECK OUT OUR SPORTS** 





### Lowell soccer coach makes the kindest of cuts

by Thad Kraus

Allegan Schools, Lowell soccer coach Paul Legge went to great lengths to make sure he got the result he sought.

No. not an O-K White conference championship, although that would be nice and it would only take a couple months.

The result he sought took 29 months and "six months of that was filled with bad hair days," Legge explained.

Monday night.

I would have preferred a

One thing Butler and

Duke have in common,

which I like, is both schools

have college players and not

players looking to run off to

four years may be the road

map of the future for college

players done for Memphis

young talent this year and

next year, it's a good bet that

bench somewhere. How is

that working for you coach

thing about the one and

done college players is the

"student athlete" (LOL) only

has to earn passing grades in

one semester of classes and

they are good to go for the

when one considers their

schedule can consist of blow

starters return next year

and two of the starters are

members of academic All-

America team. Quite the

contrast from what is going

on at the Kentuckys of the

One final note, Tom

Izzo's comment that he

thought Butler would lose

to Duke by a big margin (15

points), I thought smacked of

giving Butler any credit for

shooting 24 percent from the

floor and still beating MSU!

big of an underdog he would

they faced Duke?

have made his Spartans had

Finally, it's time to

announce this year's winner

Makes one wonder how

It's almost as if he wasn't

alarming

What have one and done

the NBA after one year.

coaches.

and Kentucky?

John Calipari?

entire season.

off-type classes.

world.

sour grapes.

different ending. Butler had

a couple opportunities, but

could not make a bucket.

Someone had to say it!

It was a good, entertaining of The Lowell Ledger

by Larkin's.

grow, cut and donate his healthy hair to make wigs for women who have lost their hair due to cancer

After growing out six ponytails, each 11 inches long, Legge had his hair cut last week and donated to the Pantene Beautiful Lengths

"I started growing out my hair in October of 2007,' Legge explained. "I'm glad to have been able to help and to make a donation."

his hair back to a desired woman to look in the mirror and at least see a familiar

face while she fights to regain a sense of normalcy Creating a real-hair wig takes approximately three

As Pantene Beautiful Lengths wigs are created, through select American

said he was also glad to have facing cancer can find out about the availability of a Pantene Beautiful Lengths A real-hair wig allows a wig by calling the American Cancer Society at 1-877-227-1596. The Society can also help callers with a number of resources providing educational and emotional

The American Cancer to four months and each wig Society is the nationwide requires at least six ponytails community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by they are distributed for free preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing Cancer Society wig banks suffering from cancer

comprehensive information

on the website from local

business and real estate

listings, local arts and cultural

resources, and library and

The site is updated on a

expanded from a school

site to a community site,"

said Lowell Area School's

administrative assistant to

the superintendent, Valerie

Behm. "Each school has its

own webmaster in charge of

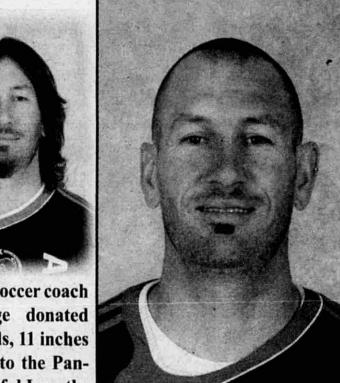
information."

the Society's website at

The Lowell soccer coach across the country. Women through research, education, www.cancer.org to learn advocacy, and service. Visit more about its mission and



Lowell soccer coach Paul Legge donated six ponytails, 11 inches long each, to the Pantene Beautiful Lengths program.



### School's expanded website now community based

The Challenge.

For many years, Lowell Area Schools of Michigan housed its own website and dedicated significant staff resources along with hundreds of hours to the ongoing maintenance of its web environment.

This structure - combined with an uninspired design and challenging interface information and ineffective communications between the

their families can access Anyway, anyhow, I

And now, the winner of a Larkin's \$35 gift certificate The Wildcats had all that in the 2010 Bracket Brigade is Tony Dommer. The only participant to have Butler in they will all be on an NBA the finals. His 85 point total

final point totals:

national championship game Bracket Brigade sponsored There were 32 participants

Thad Kraus

and 28 of you tallied a higher point total than this sports

performance in these games is consistent, consistently bad!

My one hope for redemption, West Virginia, Having a roster of seniors weekend against the Blue district and its constituents. who have played together for Devils.

> finished with 55 points, good enough to beat just four of the competitors.

was fifth overall.

**Bracket Brigade** 

Cats 109 Andy 111 Mary Jo 89 Logan 102 Mason 75 Tony 85 Craig 74 Tyler 72 Chris 71 Dan B. 71 Daniel D. 68 **Tim 67** Cheri 64 Kevin 65 This is obviously a joke Kyle 64 Marilyn 60 Cristina 59 Josh 59 Mark 58 Terry 58 Jeff 58 I believe all of Butler's Alex 57 Derek 57 Landon 57 Don 56 Shawn 56 Jack 56 Thad 55 Dirk 53 Chris V 51 Chris G. 47

grand?

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Gallert resigns as varsity girls' basketball coach

basketball coach Danielle a combined record of 31-32. Gallert announced last week that she has resigned as the Red Arrow coach.

Gallert spent three years as the girls' varsity coach and was a varsity assistant the seven years prior to that.

"I will miss working with the girls," Gallert said. "The issues for my resignation have nothing to do with

Gallert says she thought about it a long time before making a decision. In the end, though, the drama and politics outweighed the enjoyment of coaching.

In her three years as Lowell varsity girls' coach, Gallert's teams posted



**Danielle Gallert** 

Most schools are not "We like the look. at this level, according to School Center's Colleen regular basis. It's also been DeVine.

The district needed to develop an interactive, userfriendly website with easy navigation and timely content that would attract parents and entire community, and create Now, students and updating the site with reliable a community of learners.

Lowell is now on the

leading edge when it comes

to websites and how they

now reach beyond parents

and much more. Lowell Area Schools working with SchoolCenter in late 2008 to implement SC Pro, a new best practices approach building an effective presence. Using SC Pro, the district and

provides links to

community sites, such as

realtor.com, Lowell Area

Chamber of Commerce, arts

council, hospitals, daycares,

continued, page 14

SchoolCenter collaborated

to define objectives for an

### CITY OF LOWELL

**PUBLIC NOTICE ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL AND TOWNSHIP WATER CUSTOMERS** 

Due to major maintenance the City of Lowell's Water Treatment Filtration Plant will not be softening nor fluoridating the water from April 13th through May 15, 2010. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

If you have any questions, please contact the Water Treatment Plant (897-5234).



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk



#### CARNEY

Charlotte E. Carney, age 63, born on November 16, 1946, went to be with our Lord, April 4, 2010. She is survived by her husband, Pete Carney; daughter,

Michelle Loop; Douglas son, Carney and fiancé, Amy Scharaswak; grandsons, Keilin Andrew granddaughters, Tyershia and Darsey; 5 greatgrandchildren; brothers, Ralph (Sharon) Philip (Ruth and Richard Jourdan; Natalie (Clifford)



Graham; also several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Steven Loop; parents Claude and Mary (Gibbard) Jourdan; brothers, Clyde and Bruce Jourdan; sister, Claudia Suminski; niece Renee Suminski; and nephew, Rick Gould. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, with visitation one hour prior to service at Galilee Baptist Church, 291 Orchard Street, Saranac with Pastor Andy Moran officiating. Interment Ashley Cemetery. The family asks that in lieu of flowers an option to donate will be observed.

#### **DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF** THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010

Motion to excuse the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Ellison and Councilmember LaPonsie (arrived at 7:43 p.m.).

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2010 meeting as written and the accounts payables were approved.

Motion to approve the resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a lease agreement for the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

Motion to approve the fireworks display which will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2010 at Stoney Lakeside Park.

Motion to accept the high bids of \$300 from Jerry Emelander for the Lumina and \$3500 from Pete Manlez for the Chevy C70 dump

Motion to establish a public hearing for May 3, 2010 to consider an ordinance to include temporary soft sided garages in Residential Districts.

Motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday. April 19, 2010.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on April 19, 2010 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City



Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

#### RASH

Gary Lee Rash, age 63, of Lowell, passed away peacefully Wednesday March 31, 2010. He was preceded in death by his mother, Edith; daughter, Jodie Rash; and former wife, Sharon Phenix. He is survived by his wife, Betsy; father, Eugene Rash; children, Janette Rash, and Jeff Rash; granddaughter, Alexa (Jaiden) Shields; and great-grandson, Ashton. He is also survived by sisters, Lois Eickoff, Janice Wheat, and Barb (Lynn) Wittenbach; brother, Jim Rash; several nieces, nephews, brothers- and sisters-in-law. Gary was formerly a Lowell policeman and paramedic and worked for Amway Corp. for 24 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, cattle drives and especially playing music with his friends. A memorial service was held Tuesday, April 6 at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with Pastor Edward Shepard of Ada Bible Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan 989 Spaulding SE, Ada, MI 49301.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS Decedent's Estate** 

File No. 10-188-305-DE

Estate of VERONICA **ESTHER BARSTIS. Date** of birth: 2/28/27

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE CREDITORS: decedent, VERONICA ESTHER BARSTIS, who lived at 149 Houseman James Salzwedel NE. Grand Rapids, 505 N. Jefferson Michigan, died 6/10/08.

Creditors of

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Lowell, MI 49331 616-260-3922

CITY OF

LOWELL

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public

hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting

on Monday, May, 3, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the

City Council Chamber, Lowell City Hall,

Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell,

Michigan for the purpose of receiving

An Ordinance to add Section 4.24,

"Temporary Soft Sided Accessory

Buildings in Residential Districts" to

Chapter 4, "General Provisions" of

Appendix A - "Zoning Ordinance" of the

Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the ordinance are available for

inspection during normal business hours at

City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library or

on the City of Lowell web page at

Interested persons may submit written

comments to City Hall, 301 East Main Street,

Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or

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www.ci.lowell.mi.us

appear in person.

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comments from the public on the following:

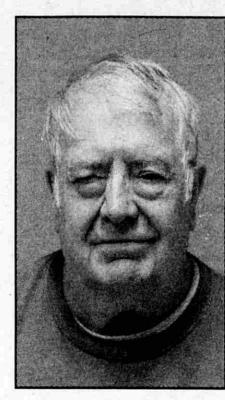
### Daycare owner facing charges

Kent Sheriff's office is currently assault involving Wayne Chamberlain, 71. He and his wife own and operate Carol's Day Care out of Chamberlains' residence in

According to a press from Lieutenant Kevin Kelly, investigators believe that on Feb. 26. 2010, Chamberlain sexually assaulted a child while the child was visiting his residence. The daycare was open and operating when this assault occurred, however, the victim was not a client.

Kent County Sheriff's investigators have been working closely with the Department of Human Services. The daycare has been shut down and will not be allowed to operate until this matter is resolved.

If any clients of Carol's Day Care have had any



Wavne Chamberlain

concerns about suspicious the daycare or involving Chamberlain, they are asked to contact the Kent County Investigative Division at

Chamberlain has been arraigned in the 63rd District court and charged with one count of criminal sexual conduct second-degree.

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Wed., May 5, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the 6:30 p.m. All Royal Arch Masons Englehardt Library. Participants may attend. will view anime films, discuss . freshments & door prizes. 200 N. up at the Nazarene Church, 201

evening of stories & fun. Bring your Esther 897-7395. teddy bear; pajamas optional! For children 6 & under w/a caregiver. MOVIE MATINEE - April 8 at

sons of the Emma Lee; On the Waters of Northern Michigan, a Great BINGO - Every Sunday, 2 p.m. The Ship Changes the Course of Lives April 24, 1-3 p.m. Come & help us for teens in ninth - twelfth grade Moose Rec Hall, 1320 E. Main St. Through Generations by Michael

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TIONAL - Thursdays 9 a.m. - 10 may attend. a.m. at Friendship Country Cha-

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oel, 10200 Grand River Ave. Moms HOOKER CHAPTER #73 - of a grandmas come pray for our the Royal Arch Masons, servtids & schools. Contact Missy at ing the Belding, Ionia, Lowell 308-7920 or jakooistra@comcast. & Saranac areas, will hold its stated convocation, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wed., April 14 at the PRING ANIME FESTIVAL - for Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Tweens & teens (ages 10 & up), Belding. Dinner will be served at

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Wed., April 21 & May 19, 6:30 the Saranac Public Library, 2 Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. p.m. Englehardt Library, 200 N. p.m. Showing Alivin and The Chipmunks The Squekel. FREE movie & popcorn. (no chess club

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for children in first - eighth grade 647-3920. on a cancer journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities. anime & Japanese culture. Re- ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES-sign discussion & fun. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hud-

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& fourth Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m. area. 897-9393. A committed group for children in first - fourth grade on a grief

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### events

SNOW UNIT

ED METHODIST

CHURCH - at 3189

Snow Ave SE. will serve a family style turkey & dressing dinner on Wed., April 14, starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults, \$9, children 6-12, \$3, & children 5 & under free. Take out dinners also avail-

#### are for non-profit organizations. April 9, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Meet 10 a.m. at the Saranac Public based activities, dicussion & fun. They are ran on a space available your friends for a play date at Library. basis & are not guaranteed to run. the library w/fun activities that

### School website, continued

interactive web environment and communications hub based on Lowell's history, the new site in time for the demographics and goals.

something outside of just also provided Lowell Area a school district website. Schools with the training more of a community based tools and resources needed website," said Eric Stanek, to get the staff engaged and of information that everyone parents, of Lowell Area Schools "It's something that links together the community analysis, custom design become more competitive, with schools and districts through the schools. It was services, scalable technology Lowell Area Schools can across the country for over made possible through the and ongoing training needed better differentiate itself with 13 years. efforts of teachers, support to meet Lowell Area Schools' staff, administrators and the communications, server

college news

experience

Bundestag Fellowship.

academic, professional, and

through exchange program

Local

professional

in Germany.

community.'

every deadline and launched goals. 2009 school year. SC Pro's "Our goal was to create comprehensive action plan activated on the website.

strategic planning and

Throughout, the team met management and technology

interactive portal bridges the gap between teachers, and districts depend on students and parents.

website is now a vital source to engage and interact with - from staff to parents to and their SC Pro delivered the community organizations - SchoolCenter has been relies on every day. As schools building strategic partnerships an enhanced interactive web

HOOTERS

On the northwest end of the bridge, a sign hanging on Greg Canfield's buildings, that are undergoing

State University and was

(2010-2011).

professional

of perspectives.

Conceived

come from nearly every

The program is designed

vocational.

primarily for young adults

citizens or permanent

residents between the ages of

goals and experience in their

selected as one of 75 supported by members

participants (from more of the United States

than 630 applicants) for this Congress and the German

unique fellowship program. Parliament [Bundestag],

Since 1984, approximately the CBYX program is

1,500 Americans have been financially supported by

awarded this opportunity to the Bureau of Educational

gain cultural, theoretical, and and Cultural Affairs of the

practical work experience in U.S. Department of State

Germany and Riddle will under the authority of the

be participating in the 27th Fulbright-Hays Act and by

year of the CBYX program the Bundestag. Participants

CBYX, he will attend a two- the United States.

month intensive German

anguage course, study at

with a German company

in his career field of hotel

placed throughout Germany

While in Germany on career field and from all over

German university or in business, technical,

school for engineering.

four months, and complete and agricultural field. five-month internship Participants must be U.S.

management. Participants are 18-24 and have clear career

and have the opportunity professional fields. German

to learn about everyday language ability is not

German life from a variety required, but recommended.

remodeling, announced that Hooters was coming soon to Lowell. Excitement soon died down once

it became clear that Canfield pulled an April Fool's joke on the community. Later, the orange sign did

actually say April Fool's. Who knows what Canfield is going to do next year?

Jonathan Riddle of

participate in the

Lowell has been selected

Congress-Bundestag

Youth Exchange for Young

Professionals (CBYX), a

vear-long, federally-funded

fellowship for study and

work in Germany. Riddle

is affiliated with Michigan

environment that serves as the communications hub for the Stanek added that the entire Lowell community.

More than 6,000 schools SchoolCenter every day to The new and improved communicate effectively



Sound Off! The Ledger's

"Almost" anything goes column!

Sound Off poll result:

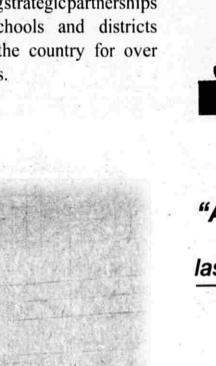
The Healthcare Reform Bill ...

Glad it's finally passed and we can move on! Hope the Republicans can repeal it Still don't feel like I have enough information. I'm writing Sound Off! .

the Lowell Area Arts Council.

"Yay! Health care passed." You do realize you're just one of the 47 percent that think they

- Bulldogs.
- 25 miners are killed in an underground blast in West Virginia making it the worst mining disaster since 1984.
- of a record civil fine of \$16 million for failing to notify the government about defective gas pedals in their vehicles.



To vote on the current poll question go to: thelowellledger.com

Trolls have been spotted at The Hanger and

Fabulous! Now we can concentrate on getting people employed again.

Contact city officials. Voice your opposition to soft-sided (tarp-style) garages in Lowell. Call city

want this? I pray for the day our legislators actually listen to their constituents.



MARCH 31 - APRIL 6

The Duke Blue Devils win the NCAA Championship 61-59 against the Butler

Toyota Motor Corporation faces the possibility

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

APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

### **Meet Poet Jack Prelutsky**

excited," Mr. Prelutsky

Poet Laureate, he held a

Most of Mr. Prelutsky's

said,"I was never writing to

win an award." As Children's

By Erik Martinsen 2009 Hometown Heroes Essay Contest Winner

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Jack Prelutsky is a widely known poet; his poetry is celebrated by many as a vivid part of children's literature. recently had the privilege of interviewing Mr. Prelutsky for Kid Scoop. When I asked, "How are you?" he replied,

"Getting older and uglier,

how about you?"

Mr. Prelutsky started his career in his early twenties. "I tried all the arts: potting, painting, sculpting, drawing." Once, while drawing pictures Mr. Prelutsky wrote poems to go with them. "I took them to my editor and she told me they were good poems, but the pictures were horrible." She encouraged him to continue writing poems.

Prelutsky continued to write poems for a living and eventually became America's first Children's Poet Laureate. "I was quite

What is a "laureate"?

He also wrote a poem about his mother's singing.

Halloween); and

The New Kid on

contest for people are: Gopher in teaching poetry and the Garden used some of his because it was prize money to the first book he reward the teachers. ever wrote: Nightmares, his Jack Prelutsky first book of mostly works in a scary poems home office in (just in time for

Washington State. He has no formula the Block, his first book of for writing because each poem is different. "How does more than 100 poems. Other a chef know when a dish is books he has written include: done?" he asked. "He smells My Dog May be a Genius, A it, he hears, he tastes, but Pizza the Size of the Sun, Scranimals and many, many, mostly he feels it. That is how you know when a poem is many more! He likes to play done-by feeling it." word games and do

poems are self-portraits or including poetry books and portraits of people he knows. an opera. Rolling Harvey Down the Standards Link: Reading Comprehension Read a variety of genres including biography 'Hill is about his childhood.

Choose a news article and retell the news in

a five line poem using the format below. Line 1: His favorite Prelutsky books

Line 2:

(two words) Line 3:

(one word)

(three words) Line 4:

(two words)

Line 5:

Standards Link: Writing

(one word)

## **News Poem**

Line 2: Describe the person with two adjectives connected by and

or but.

Line 3: Use a verb and an adverb to show this person in a typical action.

Kid Scoop Together:

**People Poetry** 

Browsing the newspaper, find mention of a person that you

admire, and create a poem

about that person using the formula below.

Line 1: Tell who you are

talking about.

Line 4: Create a comparison to show a special quality this person

Line 5: Use an if only phrase to express something you wish in relation to this person.

Example: By a 6th grader

Fireman Strong and fearless Fighting courageously As brave as a gladiator If only I could be a hero

Your Turn:

Line 1

Line 2:

Line 4: As \_\_\_

Line 5: If only

Kid Scoo-dok

Complete the grid by using all the

etters in the word POEMS in each

vertical and horizontal row. Each

letter should only be used once in

each row. Some spaces have been

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Kid Scoop

**VOCABULARY** 

BUILDERS

This week's word:

**VIVID** 

The adjective vivid

describes something

that produces a strong,

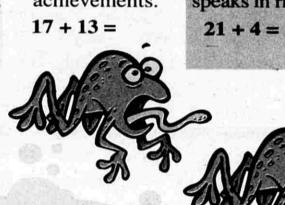
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The art teacher used

A Greedy and Ambitious Cow

Do the math. The correct answer is an even number. A rope used by An honor for Someone who achievements. speaks in rhyme.

rodeo cowboys. 14 + 19 =



My Frog is a Frog By Jack Prelutsky

My frog is a frog that is hopelessly hoarse. My frog is a frog with a reason, of course,

My frog is a frog that cannot croak a note My frog is a frog with a grog in its throat.

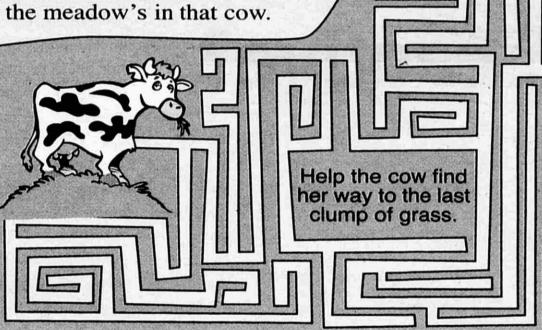
By Jack Prelutsky

A greedy and ambitious cow determined she would graze on all the fields for miles around ... She grazed for days and days.

crossword puzzles. He's also

working on new projects,

She finished every blade of grass. the land is barren now. That cow was in a meadow-



For more fun poems, visit: www.jackprelutsky.com

#### Double Word Search Kid Scoop Puzzler

**POETRY** 

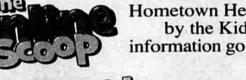
PRELUTSKY

RHYME TIME Each phrase is a description of two words that rhyme. How many of these can you figure out? Write in the missing letters. The first one is done for you.

A toy reptile: FAKE SNAKE A scary evening: \_\_\_IGHT \_\_IGHT Hole in a baseboard: \_OUSE \_OUSE A dirty friend: \_UDDY \_UDDY

An overweight kitty: \_AT \_AT Cozy place to read: \_OOK \_OOK

To check your answers, go to: www.kidscoop.com/kids Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



How many ways to say it?

Poets are drawn to words and their various

shades of meaning. Find at least two examples

the same meaning as each other. Think of

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Recognize and use synonyms

"great" and "super," or "home" and "house.

in the newspaper of words that convey nearly

Hometown Heroes is an essay contest sponsored by the Kid Scoop Foundation. For more information go to www.kidscoopfoundation.org. **FORMULA** LAUREATE **OPERA** QUITE SCULPTING **OLDER** CHEF TASTES **SCARY** FROG

**ARTS** COW

Kid Scoop stories and activities. NGNITPLUCS IPRAOLDERE ARTSLAQLUT

Find the words in the puzzle.

Then look for each word in this week's

UYKSTULERP ORCSIRMWKY NTHTPEFROG IEESCARYOC COFSETSATF OPERAEOEMS Standards Link: Letter sequencing: Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

ANSWER: A fish dish.

bold, vivid colors in her paintings. Try to use the word vivid

in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members. Write On!

### What do you call a plate of worms?

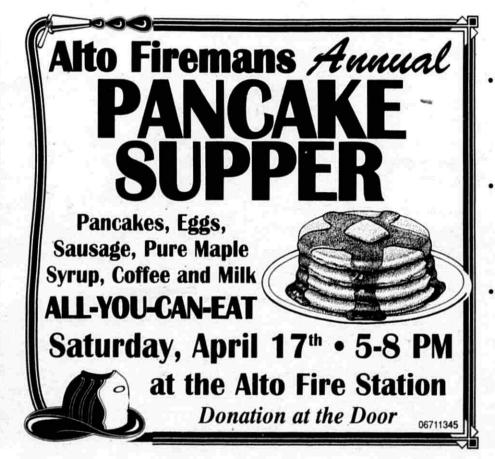
Silly Poems Make up a four-line poem about something silly. Or, start each line of a poem with the letters in the word SILLY.

**Joanies Creations** First Annual **Prom Dress Exchange** Have a homecoming, prom or bridesmaid dress & need something new to wear to this year's prom? Bring your dress & exchange it for a new one. Sat., April 10, 2010

4 - 8 p.m. 6851 Alden Nash Ave SE, Alto joaniescreations@vahoo.com

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If you have a dress you no longer need but would like to donate, please give me a call. Free local pickup



### Mexican market - an interesting economic puzzle for Lowell students

by Thad Kraus

Trading and bartering are important and essential elements to the Mexican economy.

Lowell Middle School

sixth-grade students were given an opportunity to experience a market setting where they could trade and

barter items with fellow jewelry and crafts were classmates.

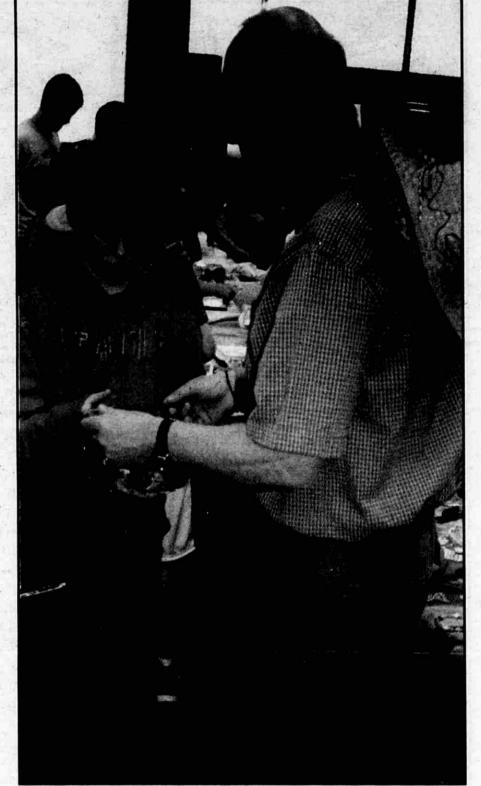
Items such as cd's, dvd's, computer games, old toys,

all part of LMS' Mexican Market Trade and Barter Day.

"It not only allows them to experience what they could experience in Mexico, but it also teaches them about economics and the value of objects," said Lowell sixthgrade history teacher Gordon VandenBerg who initially started the activity 20 years ago while instructing at Cherry Creek.

The estimated value of all the objects traded and bartered was \$310.

While the sixth-grade history class studied trade and bartering, the language/ arts department created God's Eyes; the math department created mosaic masks and the science department constructed piñatas. Computer classes researched the Mexican hat dance and music classes studied Mexican tunes.



Liam Peterson works on a trade with teacher Gordon VandenBerg.

Zach Canfield and Robert Sheldon engaged in a semi-lengthy bartering session as part of the Mexican Market Trade and Barter Day.

### Winter Guard competes at annual championship competition

The Michigan Color Guard Circuit (MCGC) held its 35th annual championship competition at Saginaw Valley State University

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(SVSU) on Saturday, March from Lowell High School, championships event with

27, 2010. Two local guards and Almost Home, consisting high hopes of winning big. were on hand to compete of five members from Lowell for top honors. Exit 52, Middle School, both came year of competition in the

Exit 52, in its fourth consisting of 12 members to SVSU for the MCGC MCGC, performed their 2010 program, Fireflies, set to the music of Owl City. The show opened with a flag solo by Robert Becker and a full guard dance section followed by the entire guard on flag. Exit 52 featured their rifle line in the middle section of the show and included a partner feature with the flag line and the rifle line. The last section of the show featured the entire guard on impressive gold flags. Six of the flags contained hidden gold and neon green confetti which was thrown out of the flags during the final flag feature which represented fireflies. As the confetti fell to the floor, the show concluded with a flag solo by Sarah Mundwiler who ended the show holding a jar of lit up fireflies. The guard .had a great ending to their 2010

> Almost Home, in their third year of competition, performed to the song, Be OK by Ingrid Michaelson. Almost Home had a strong

regular season and had just over two points between favorite all season. Almost Home was the 2008 Flag Line Class Champion. They went into the championships event in second place putting them in medal contention again this year.

At the awards ceremony on Saturday afternoon Exit 52 placed fourth in AA class competing against 12 guards. It was a very close finish with

their best performance of first and fourth place. Almost the year on Saturday. The Home returned the title of show featured soloists Flag Line Class Champions Rachael Yomtoob and Emily to Lowell by once again Mundwiler and was a crowd placing first at the MCGC championships.

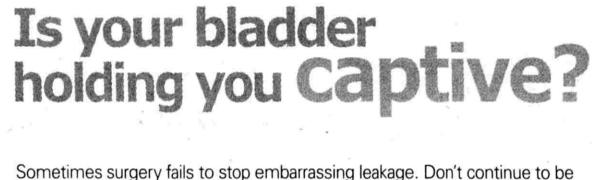
> Exit 52 and Almost Home are under the direction of Sharon MacDermaid. The staff of Exit 52 also includes Karen Mae Wesolek, Lindsey Schueller, Keith Burns and Brian Liwak. The staff of Almost Home also includes Keith Burns and junior staff members, Robert Becker and Sarah Mundwiler.



EXIT 52: back row, left to right: Lindsey Schuller, Keith Burns, and Sharon MacDermaid; third row, left to right: Karen Mae Wesolek, Kayla Blough, Amanda Wilson, and Sarah Mundwiler; second row: Rachel Phelps, Alison Huffman, Nicole Bagin, Danielle Bagin, and Bree Heikkila; front row: Kayleigh Davies, Robert Becker, and Jodi Carvill.



ALMOST HOME: back row, left to right: Robert Becker, Keith Burns, Sharon MacDermaid, and Sarah Mundwiler; front row, left to right: Emily Mundwiler, Rachael Yomtoob, Mackenzie Bush, Ciera Bowden, and Riley Breimayer.



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