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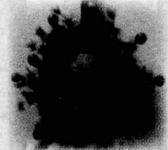
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# Holiday season kicks off with Christmas through Lowell tour

by Emma Palova

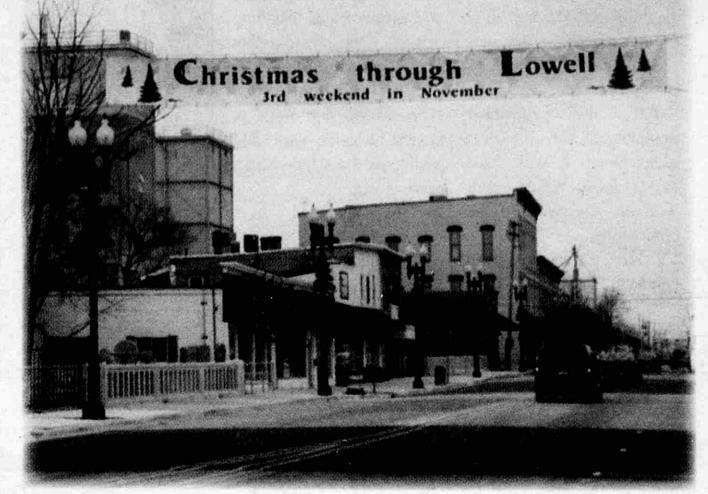
The 19th annual holiday tour through area homes and businesses kicks off the holiday season this weekend including Friday. Participating residents spruce up their homes and peddle Christmas wares to enhance the joy of the season.

"Christmas through Lowell is a three day shopping extravaganza that attracts shoppers from all over Michigan," said chamber director Liz Baker.

More than 300 crafters and artists are participating in this year's tour. There's

usually more than one artist in the same location. The destinations are labeled with green trees designating numbers that can be crossreferenced on a map. The map can be downloaded from the chamber's interactive site at www. discoverlowell.org.

The stations are in the greater Lowell area and in the city limits. Area churches also participate, as well as various organizations. The gifts offered vary from rustic outhouses, bird feeders, pottery, beeswax candles, scrapbooks to kitchen and wine gifts.



"All the shopping will make you hungry," said Baker. "Eat in our charming restaurants or the several stops that serve luncheons on the tour."

These include the craft show at Saint Patrick's. Vergennes United Methodist Church, First Congregational United Church of Christ and the Lowell Women's

building.

They will be offering homemade soups, pies and hot sandwich plates.

Also, many businesses participate. Some of the newcomers include Ella's Coffee and Cuisine and Giggles and Gumdrops.

"We want to be involved Club inside the chamber in the community," said owner Ella Bolan.

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## Plans to improve west bank and amphitheatre amended

by Emma Palova

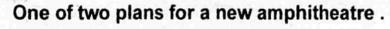
An amended master plan will allow the city to apply for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) for major improvements to the Showboat amphitheatre and to stabilize the west bank.

The parks and recreation commission has approved master plan amendments on both the east and the west banks of the Flat River.

The estimated cost to improve the amphitheatre is \$700,000, while the cost to stabilize the west bank between Elm and Main streets is \$421,00.

"We will be pursuing grants from the state," said city manager Dave Pasquale.

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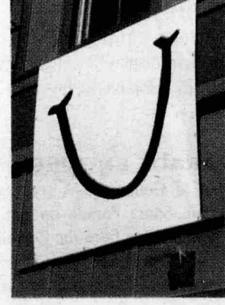


## Mystery behind yellow smile banner to be revealed

The mystery behind the yellow smile signs and banners placed around town will be revealed this Thursday.

And it is supposed to be "bigger than an elephant," according to Teresa Beachum, member of leadership board of Gilda's Club of Lowell. "The smile will make the Greater Grand Rapids area smile."

The yellow smile signs and banners have been placed in the area at Main Street Inn, Impact Church, the middle school, and on



The yellow smile banner on Main Street Inn has left people what it wondering represents.

the corner of Alden Nash and Cascade roads.

The banner on Main Street Inn is a seven by seven foot vinyl banner placed on the facade.

"It's a great teaser campaign to celebrate the 10th year anniversary of Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids," said Beachum. "It's exciting. I am so tickled to hear what the great reveal will be and that Gilda's Club has been able to pull this off to enhance the club's work."

# Community **Thanksgiving** dinner planned

by Emma Palova

The second annual community Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Thanksgiving day from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the First Congregational **United Church of Christ** with volunteers from all the area churches. The dinner is sponsored by Lowell Area Churches.

There will be four seating times available starting at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The main purpose of the dinner is to help out the community and the people in neighborhoods. the according to parishioner Charlene Ricards.

dinner was The started by Shannon Hanley.

"We want to make sure as many people as possible are fed and be in the community on such a special day," said pastor Chris Schwab.

Ricards said Hanley was the catalyst for the

event, much like former pastor Roger LaWarre was instrumental in establishing Flat River **Outreach Ministries.** 

"First Congregational Church dedicated to helping people in the neighborhoods," she said. "Shannon got everybody psyched."

Last year, area volunteers church fed 150 people. The meal is a traditional Thanksgiving meal consisting of turkey, stuffing, cranberry relish, mashed potatoes, gravy, salads, coffee, cider and milk.

"It was a hoot last year," said Ricards.

There will be a prayer every half an hour.

Reservations encouraged by calling 897-5906.

encourage everyone to come," said Ricards.

# Amended plans, continued

Also, funding from the land Downtown Development recreational assets, such Authority considered.

The master plan has to used for an RV park. be updated every five years and the amendments are part of the update, according to Pasquale. The goals and objectives of the updated and amended master plan are to enhanceexistingrecreational facilities and to continue to seek opportunities for new recreational uses of city park properties

amphitheatre redeveloped, it will serve paving of the Clark Street as a focal point with the Riverwalk in the community.

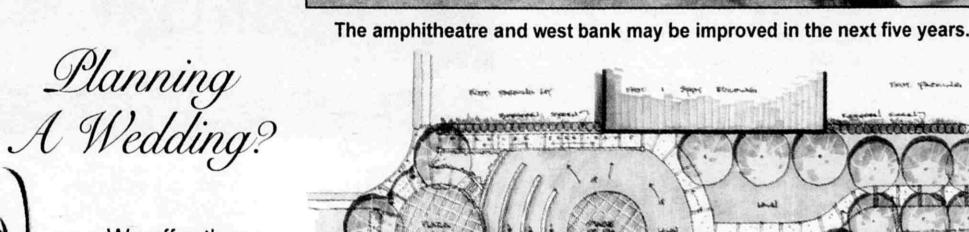
contains substantial park according to Pasquale.

be as the Moose and Rogers properties. These could be

The five-year updated master plan also includes the following proposals: irrigation, realignment and reskirting of West Field, improving boat launch, restrooms and concession stand, installing irrigation, new picnic shelter and light relocation at Richards Park, construction of walkways and trails at Stoney Lakeside Park, and parking area

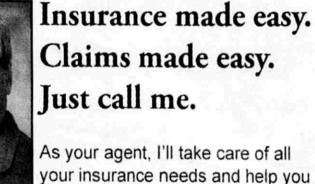
The amended fiveyear master plan will make area the city eligible for grants,





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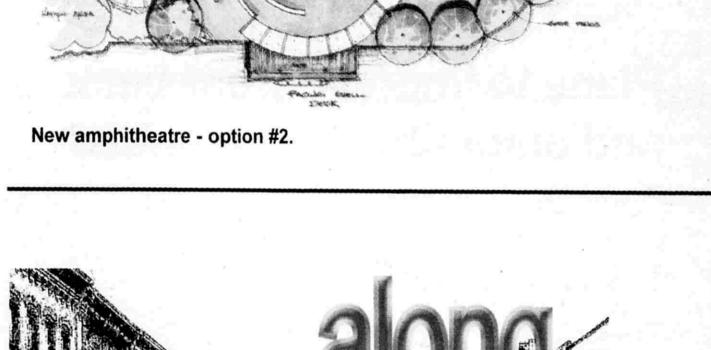
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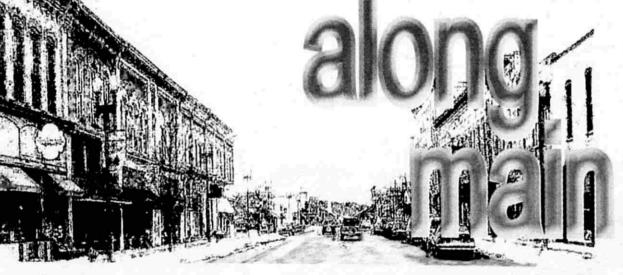
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The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking parade entries for the Nighttime Santa Parade on Sat., Dec. 4. The parade begins at 6 p.m. sharp from the Lowell fairgrounds. Parade theme is "Christmas Cartoons." Download application at www.discoverlowell.org or call 897-9161.

#### **TOBACCO FREE FOR GOOD**

An informational meeting will be Wed., Dec. 8, 6-8 p.m. at Lowell Family Medical Center. This meeting is designed for anyone who wants information quitting tobacco. Talk with a tobacco treatment specialist and receive a resource guide that lists local classes, Internet and phone counseling options and low/no cost medications. Call 616-446-7058 with any questions.

#### **DEADLINE FOR LOWELL COMMUNITY FUND REQUESTS**

The deadline to request funds from the Lowell Community Fund is Fri., Dec. 10 at noon. To receive consideration and approval, all requests must be for funds that will aid local organizations in providing help to persons in the Lowell area. The Heart of West Michigan United Way has set the December date aside for those qualified to receive funding for 2011-2013. Request forms are available at Dr. James Reagan's office, 207 W. Main St., or at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main St.

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. 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

# 63rd District judge entertains Lowell Women's Club

Sara Smolenski, 63rd District judge, shared her it is important to find humor Lowell Women's Club last week. Smolenski, a popular speaker and a comedian, said she was booked through

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"The problem with that is you don't know if you're going to live that long," she said. "You just hope you're still living."

Smolenski stressed that every situation, even relatives within the last 18

New members, left to right, are: Courtney Engel,

Christmas tour, continued

teamed up

Englehardt

Library to offer

book gift baskets.

Sandwiches will

be available at the

coffee shop from

11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

on Friday

Saturday.

Freeman,

Gumdrops.

Christmas through

Lowell is a great

event for shoppers.

to support local

excited

economy," she said

"It's

"We're

Nancy Steckler, Lori Ingraham, and Mary Castro.

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Christmas

thru Lowell

in grieving. She lost three was under the table, per

"I didn't know which stage of grieving I was in," Cloud

her yellow lab Babe into the alternative either," she said.

Smolenski also told her to explain that I had a dog favorite joke about bringing with me, but I didn't like the

Smolenski, let a gasser while she was having a discussion with an attorney from White

So, she started waving around papers and so did the

"I took it for the dog," she laughed

And the attorney said he would always come when Smolenski is on the bench and after lunch.

commandment of being a



Junior members pictured, not in order, are: Corinne Alberts, Montana Bergy, Emma Duvernay, Ellie Fitzpatrick, Melissa Grasman, Alyssa Kargl, Maggie Lancaster, Jasmine Lillie, Rebecca Lorentz, Bryleigh Loughlin, Megan Montgomery, Summer Moore, Brynlee Pomper, Anna Scudder, and Hannah VanderHorst.

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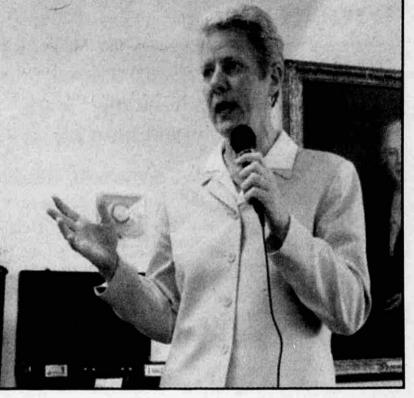
and Holly at the Lowell Area

The tour runs on Friday

club member - keep a sense building plates are full. Humor is a means of finding balance. The objective the women's club is and higher education. The

students and retirees.

According to



Judge Sara Smolenski

promote peace, charity intergenerational business owners, teachers homemakers, professionals,

Lowell Women's Club was founded in 1928 and received a 501c(3) status in 2003. Established

club's mission, the bridge

tolerance and civic mindedness. The students gave

presentations on facebook marketing of businesses and the advantages of it.

Lowell Club fundraisers include Christmas through Lowell luncheon, Parade of Homes vearbook advertisements. soup and cookie dough sales, bake sales and raffles and private donation.

Monies raised go to scholarships for senior girls, Flat River Outreach Ministries, Lowell Area school senior girls. They in Historical Museum, Lowell turn mentor middle school Area Arts Council, the Santa Claus girls and Lowell Area Chamber events.

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# financial focus



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#### Don't let "double dip" fears sink your investment plans

Fears of a "double- the double-dip recession this joining the crowd and over- term events, you'll have a dip" recession are in the time? It's dangerous to make air. Obviously, this isn't predictions, but it seems more particularly good news; likely that what we're really we'd all like to feel that the experiencing is a "soft patch" economyisgrowingrobustly. in the economic recovery as At the same time, however, retail sales remain weak, you'll want to avoid making consumer confidence is low hasty, ill-advised investment and unemployment remains decisions based on the mere high. But on the positive following 10-year periods scary, but it may well never threat of a slide into another side, manufacturing activity in which the stock market come to pass — so don't recession. Instead, you'll has been strong, corporate hasn't performed strongly - let the mere prospect throw want to keep your long-term earnings have rebounded investment plan intact - in to pre-recession levels and all economic environments. profit margins are near all- we've ever seen for stocks. opportunities are out there

The possibility of a time highs. double-dip recession makes great headlines. But such are focusing strictly on the of the most attractive values guarantee of future results. events have been rare. In negative reports — and fact, we've seen only one they're acting on their fears double-dip recession in the by moving money from P/E. past 77 years. However, stocks to fixed-income this history hasn't stopped vehicles, such as bonds. gloomy forecasters from During the period from July predicting a double-dip 2008 through June 2010, in 1991 (it didn't happen) investors pulled more than bonds, international and by Edward Jones for use by and in 2003 (when it didn't \$200 billion out of stock- cash — designed to reflect your local Edward Jones happen again).

Institute.

Bonds can provide a and regular portfolio reviews source of regular income and will return your principal when they mature, providing determine whether any the issuers don't default. important investors' portfolios. But if you're balance by reacting to shortconcentrating on bonds, you much harder time achieving risk losing the following:

• G r o w t h all areas of life, balance price-to-earnings ratio, or in stocks, you should

based mutual funds and put your risk tolerance, time Financial Advisor. Will we again avoid more than \$475 billion into horizon and long-term goals.

bond funds, according to You'll need to adjust your the Investment Company investment mix over time to reflect changes in your life,

will prompt you to rebalance

back to your target mix and

other changes are needed.

But if you're constantly disrupting your portfolio's

your objectives. In virtually

— so dip into them.

Past performance is no

understand the risks. Stocks

This article was written

investing

"double-dip

opportunities — According is essential — and that's to Ibbotson, a leading certainly true in regard to research your investments. organization, stocks have done particularly well recession" and the past 10 years were you off your investment one of the worst periods strategy. Good investment And right now, many quality And yet, many investors stocks are trading at some in 15 years, as measured by

> · Portfolio balance are subject to market risks, - Ideally, you want your including loss of principal portfolio to contain a mix invested. of investments — stocks,

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



#### seborrheic dermatitis

exact cause of seborrheic often used. dermatitis. The cause may be different in infants and adults. It may run in families. treated with products that The condition seems to are not as strong as those be related to hormones used in adults. Brush the because the disorder often scalp with a soft-bristled appears in infancy and brush and then wash with a disappears before puberty. dermatitis baby oil to soften the scales.

is a common condition that makes the skin look greasy, scaly, and flaky. It usually affects the scalp. In adults, this is commonly called "dandruff." In babies, it Seborrheic dermatitis can creases of the arms, legs, a week. Shampoos with and groin. It is common in coal tar (Neutrogena T/Gel) months and in adults 30 to 60 years of age. In adults, it

has also been linked to In severe cases, presrciption

Seborrheic dermatitis as Parkinson's disease and epilepsy.

treatment of

The

seborrheic dermatitis depends on its location on the body as well as the person's age. Dandruff is known as "cradle cap." in adults can be treated with medicated shampoos also affect the skin on other (Scalpicin, Selsun Blue, and parts of the body, such as Head & Shoulders). These the face, chest, and the shampoos can be used twice babies younger than three may be used three times a week. If the shampoo alone doesn't work, prescription is more likely to affect men steroid lotion may be used daily. For skin creases Doctors don't know the affected, steroid creams are

Seborrheic dermatitis

of the scalp in babies is

mild baby shampoo, or use

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our economy into recession. to water them down. One key battle going on Sen. Jeff Merkley of Oregon When the housing market chair, found that firms such accounts with their risky

Looking

By Shelly MacNaughton

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Reforming

of new law

Wall Street requires

tough enforcement

Now that Congress and I fought to include in has passed strong new Wall the Wall Street reform bill. Street reform legislation, it In late October and early is up to federal regulators to November, we and other enforce the law. If they adopt Senate colleagues sent two weak rules, or enforce them letters to regulatory agencies, risky bets were too often weakly, our reforms won't asking them to follow our made not on the behalf of and taxpayers will remain Wall Street, which fought own accounts. Increasingly the Wall Street abuses and these protections, is now firms made their money not excesses that helped throw pressuring federal regulators by helping clients invest

Sen. Carl Levi

Why is this so right now is how regulators important? One of the main will implement and enforce causes of the financial crisis the protections against risky was that too many banks and financial trading and conflicts other financial firms made of interest – protections that too many risky investments.

began to fall and those as Goldman Sachs weren't bets. Other large firms must rescue we passed in 2008. Depression.

VIEW Joint

What troubles me and many others is that these an intolerable conflict of wisely, but by investing for themselves - investments known as proprietary trading.

Subcommittee Investigations, which I can't risk FDIC-insured

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financial firms began losing just placing big bets for their limit how much they can barred financial firms from huge amounts of money, profit. They were profiting at risk and must keep enough some firms collapsed, and their clients' expense. They money on hand to cover the many others would have created investment vehicles risk that those bets will fail. failed if not for the bank full of assets they knew Put simply, banks and the were bad risks, sold them largest financial firms will Had we not saved them, to their clients, and profited no longer be able to rely on their failures could have further from their customers' taxpayer bailouts to save sparked a second Great misfortune by placing bets them from their risky bets. that those same investments would lose value. That was

So, Sen. Merkley and work, and the economy intent. We did so because customers, but for the banks' I authored legislation that limits proprietary trading vulnerable to a repeat of so hard against passage of in recent years, Wall Street and conflicts of interest, sometimes referred to as Merkley-Levin. Under Merkley-Levin,

> The Senate Permanent exceptions, engage on proprietary trades, so they

creating financial products, selling them to clients and then betting against those same products.

Also, Merkley-Levin

The goal here is simple: Avoid the dilemma we

Levin, continued.



Fall is a good time to will introduce any strangespend days exploring natural areas around Michigan. Landscapes change from

banks whose depositors' money is insured by the FDIC cannot, with narrow

thick green vegetation to life still goes on out there brilliant reds and yellows despite cold temperatures and finally to brown and and scarce food. Fresh snow

of vegetation to hide the are written. Rodent tracks coming and going of wild that stop in the center of things, observing wildlife a depression in the snow is easier as forest creatures surrounded by the imprint of Digest poll of 10,000,000 persons to ascertain the go about daily routines. present popularity of the New Deal and should be Migrating songbirds and distributed by the post office locally within a few waterfowl add to the activity days, according to advice received Saturday from the woodlands, swamps, and fields. Four legged permanent residents step up the pace in preparation for surviving inevitable winter

> Increased during this relatively mild and bug free season provides a special opportunity to enjoy watching wildlife. wild, it will be necessary to seek out native habitat and then blend quietly into the background. Try not to disturb the animals by giving with a telephoto lens. A a look around bird identification manual

hardships.

feathered visitors. Wildlife activity slows

down in the winter, but provides a slate upon which Without the cloak many interesting stories flight feathers tell of a recent

> woodland drama. Watching a wild animal drift into your presence and then leave without realizing you are there gives one a feeling of being part of the environment. This direct connection with nature can activity change our perception of our place in the fabric life and perhaps allow us to reorder

Considering of how Because the critters are resourceful and tenacious these creatures are to have survived and prospered as a species for such a long time. they deserve our respect and admiration. There is a lot to them plenty of space. Use learn about life by observing binoculars to get a close up nature and contemplating view, and equip your camera what we see and feel. Take

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#### 125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal November 20, 1885

The Lowell Mf'g Co. is unable to fill all their orders but are doing their best to catch up. They talk of putting up several more panel machines.

HROUGH THE LEDGERS

Some newspaper censors think it absurd that a paper should chronicle a fall of snow, or other incidents, when everybody knows all about it as well as the reporter. A change in the weather is not published as news, but as a matter of record to which it may be of use to refer to at some future day.—Ovid Union

#### 100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger November 17, 1910

The Lowell Light and Power building narrowly escaped destruction by fire last Saturday evening, but thanks to the prompt response and heroic efforts of residents of that vicinity, the damage was only about \$300.

#### 75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo November 14, 1935

Individual ballots have been mailed to voters of Lowell and nearby communities in a new Literary

#### Mayflower, as well as other groups arriving in the early 1600's, brought domestic turkeys with them. 25 Years Ago

The Grand Valley Ledger

November 20, 1985

50 Years Ago

The Lowell Ledger

November 24, 1960

"We can thank the pilgrim fathers for that delicious

turkey on Thanksgiving Day," says Warren W. Chase,

chairman of the Department of Wildlife Management

by the pilgrims," he says. "Most of us have always

assumed that the Thanksgiving food of the Plymouth

Rock Colony was the wild turkey, but it's been well

documented that the people who came over on the

"Domestic turkeys were brought to this country

The familiar strains of "Waitin' For The Robert E Lee" were heard in the Monroe Mall Amphitheatre last Thursday afternoon as the Lowell High School band played during a Lowell Showboat salute to radio station WCUZ. Showboat directors planned the surprise "Thank You Rally" to honor WCUZ for its efforts in helping Showboat pay off a nagging \$45,000 debt. In early 1982 the Showboat Board of Directors made the painful decision to postpone further productions of the traditional summertime event and concentrate on paying off the long-term debt by staging various

When WCUZ heard the news, they stepped forward with an offer to help.

fundraising efforts.

"The Thank You Rally for WCUZ was a two-fold event," said Showboat President Ray Quada. "First, we want to thank WCUZ for their tremendous efforts in helping raise about \$23,000 for us over the last three years. Secondly, we are announcing that we are indeed out of debt and in the process of determining if we are going to produce a "Showboat" in 1986.

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Featured artist on Christmas tour offers an eclectic mix

the time spent together

Featured artist of during the tour, as well as

thorns at the top. Those are The Great Find, Heather the people they haven't seen

# **FLPC** music therapy staff will attend national conference

music therapy staff has been to expand and grow. With excellence is reached, a new invited to give a presentation the assistance of a music set of needs appears. Music Conference to be held in advisor and a consulting needs of the community.

The Franciscan Life navigated through difficult and develop professional Process Center (FLPC) economictimes and continues skills. Each time a level of at the American Music therapy director, a clinical therapists continue to grow Therapy Association 2010 psychologist, a financial professionally to meet the

The Franciscan Life

**ProcessCentermusictherapy** program was founded in 1978 by Sister Mary Margaret Delaski, FSE/MT-BC, music director. Today, the Center not only provides music therapy to those who come to the Lowell location, but serves the Kent and Ottawa counties and beyond, including children with fragile physical and mental health, those with severe mental illness, the frail elderly, those afflicted with Alzheimer's and or Parkinson's diseases. patients suffering from cancer or other medical conditions that put them at risk, and young children.

Miranda Eden, MT-BC, is director of the music therapy internship program. Music therapists on staff are Diane Bauman, MT-BC; Sandy Koteskey, MT-BC; beneficial. "Your Place on Pete Muszkiewicz, MT-BC, The presentation will the Bus" is a celebration of NMT; Sister Ann Frances

therapist and the combined

nappy **birthday!** 

**NOVEMBER 17** 

Scott MacNaughton, Cory DuBridge, Tyler Shindorf, Mary Schutts, Anastasia Barnes. Ali

**NOVEMBER 18** Brent Noskey, Sandy

Lillian Briggs, Lindsey Sherman.

**NOVEMBER 19** Ken Mulder, Jamie Zoodsma, Marlene Nash,

Lewis Powell, Betsy Maki. **NOVEMBER 20** Brian Brown, John

Sr.,



"Music Therapists: Your

17-21. The conference staff has added stability participants will marks the 60th year of the and efficiency to the music how evolving roles are

# continued

crisis, when we had to choose between bailing out banks that made risky bets or enduring a second that seems logical enough. Wall Street lobbied hard against these safeguards, and now they're asking regulators to take it easy on them and water down these reforms. Even some of our congressional colleagues say the rules on proprietary trading should be eased because they might cut into

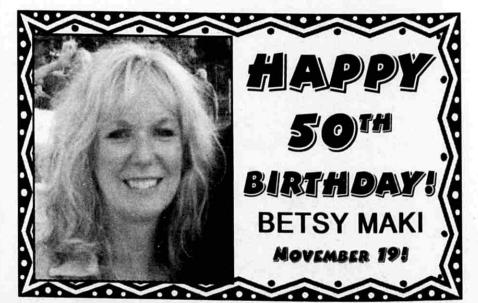
Wall Street's profits. That's exactly the wrong advice. This is no time to weaken reforms aimed at stopping Wall Street

excesses. As Sen. Merkley and I wrote to the Financial Stability Oversight Council, "Financial firms must not be allowed to rely on ... place bets where heads they win, tails taxpayers lose."

Before Merkley-Levin, Wall Street was able to make risky bets, reap the profits when they paid off, and then get the taxpayers to bail them out when the bets went bad or risk triggering a depression. We can't allow that to happen again. I'll continue to push regulators to energetically implement the law Congress has passed to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone you may still exist, but you have ceased to live.

- Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)



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# Cleveland, OH, November attorney, the music therapy Through testimonies shared,

professional organization. therapy program. Place on the Bus" explains explore how to design a the personalities, interests Thompson, FSE/MT-BC how the Center's music multi-music therapist team and passions that make and Alisha Snyder, MT-BC therapy department has to enhance an organization

college news

year song coach for the women competing in the Moralers, men of the same of Gregory and Marsha 76th annual Nykerk Cup areas of song, oration and graduation class as the Converse and a graduate of Nykerk Cup for three and a half weeks in their efforts. This year the

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#### **NOVEMBER 23**

Trisha Propst, Sherri Vezino, Gregory Duiven. Mike Harding, McKinsie Rice, Dave Thompson.



## Many volunteers help the cookie count more than double for Veterans

holiday season. This year, of Jan Thompson put out the call about two weeks ago

crosses.

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Christmas scent burning

wire crosses with crowns of

on the stove and lovely metal Find stop no. 7.

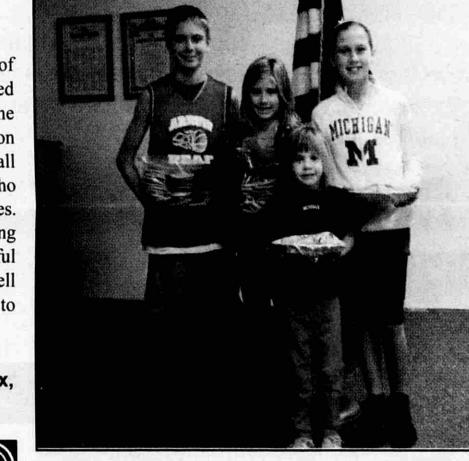
1,600 and these Lowell women in the project. Plates of cookies and some students responded cookies were delivered were baked by 20 women with 4,047 cookies that were to the Veteran's Home in Lowell to help launch baked by 53 individuals.

Heather Hoffman with her crafts and husband Jeff's metal wire nine-inch

that afternoon. Thompson The Powell family expressed her thanks to all Lowell heard about the bakers and those who the cookie drive after the helped bag the cookies. "Proud of Our Veteran's" "This is just another living program, performed by example of the wonderful

Alto Elementary students people that make the Lowell last Thursday, and the area truly a special place to whole family got involved live," she said.

Cookie makers, from the left: Alex, Sophia, Sydney and Ashley Powell.



the trademarks of The Great Hoffman and family, enjoy in years, or regulars who home, a large metal wire crosses with the crowns stop by their popular home cross with a crown of thorns immediately draws attention.

on Friday, Heather usually wire crosses with the thorn has a line in front of her crowns, made by husband popular home located at 300 Jeff, are one of the hottest Sudan Drive, half-a-mile sellers. west from the high school.

Upon entering the

When the event starts In fact, the smaller metal

couldn't afford to buy one for \$100. "We sold out of them

within the first 20 minutes,"

Now, they also do Jeff started making the custom orders yearround available at thegreatfind@ etsy.com.

But, on the tour they with members: Kortney Cox, who has homemade English toffee, jam, children's hair accessories and necklaces; sister-in-law Jody Yaw has beaded bookmarks, beaded necklaces and coffee scoops; Ray and Ronda Benedict have lighted glass blocks.

"We love to see our customers," said Heather. 'We see people we haven't seen in years."

Heather said the tour is one time when the family gets to see everybody.

The Great Find gets so busy that Heather has to make additional stuff to put out in the kitchen during the event. And she sells out of the Christmas scent.

Among other things, The Great Find offers floral arrangements, candle holders, lawn games, cubby bags and sweet dills.

"We're enjoying being together as a family," said

> Heather is also busy doing other shows, such as the upcoming Rogue River Artisans Holiday Marketplace at the Lowell High School on Dec. 4, and a show in McBain.

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character. We've all driven along those that special someone, then amble on unsightly strips of road that are flanked over to Cousin's Hallmark where you mostly by gas stations and box stores. Is can find, not only that special card, that what you want your entire city or town but a variety of unique gift items. And in your community.

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big box store in Detroit. Didn't you stop once in a while. But if you want wanting to be like everyone else when you ccording to the Small Business Administration, were, say, 15? Local retailers and specialty shops are far more likely to carry unique goods, many of them made by small companies that are hoping to get wider distribution by first proving themselves in local markets. For instance, Litehouse dressings, made right here in Lowell. You can shop at Chimera Design where Small businesses give community you can find a truly original gift for to look like? It will if you don't patronize local remember when you're having trouble businesses. The effect: property values go reading all that holiday mail that it might be down, your school system suffers, and your the time to stop by Advanced Eyecare for local economy is suddenly dependent on an exam. And if that special gift includes a the whims of big chains that have no stake family portrait, Modern Photographics can capture an image that will last a lifetime. Small businesses save the world from Take a break and head to Ella's Coffee

a first look at hot

Hometown businesses know who you are and what you need. Sure, shop a Home Depot

to solve a problem or get advice on how to patch the hole in your ceiling caused by a leaky pipe, go to Bernard's Ace Hardware. A family business in Lowell staffed by people

who you know and trust. And when you're ready to have work done on the outside or your home, like windows or siding, All Weather Seal can help with that. Just as Arctic Heating and Air Conditioning can take care of your indoor climate needs.

When it comes to your car, Special FX will have what you need to enjoy your tunes and Showboat Automotive has everything you need to keep your vehicles running smoothly.

When you're ready for that holiday celebration Pauly's will remember will automatically hand you a bottle Shopping locally of Sauvignon Blanc or suggest what not only gives you might go well with your dinner menu.

Tired after a long day? Call B.C. new products, but it Pizza for a delicious, no-hassle meal allows you to support or an easy party menu. And if you the small companies need party favors or supplies, stop that make and sell and check out Springrove Variety.

> Here's the bottom line: yes, you might spend a few pennies more shopping at local businesses, but you'll spend less time, be more satisfied with your purchase, and most likely walk away smiling instead of scowling and probably save in the longrun. The real test is this: ask yourself which company you'd miss the most if it suddenly went out of business and make sure you visit them throughout the year.

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locally owned business, rather than

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and farms -- continuing to strengthen

the economic base of the community.

Support community groups: Non-profit

organizations receive an average

250% more support from smaller

business owners than they do from

large businesses.

-- Support yourself:

Keep our community unique: Where we shop, where we eat and have fun -- all of it makes our community home. Our oneof-a-kind businesses are an integral part of the distinctive character of Lowell.

Reduce environmental impact: Locally

owned businesses can make more local purchases requiring less transportation and generally set up shop in town or city centers as opposed to developing on the fringe. This generally means contributing less to sprawl, congestion, habitat loss and pollution.

Create good Small local businesses are

the largest employer nationally and in our community.

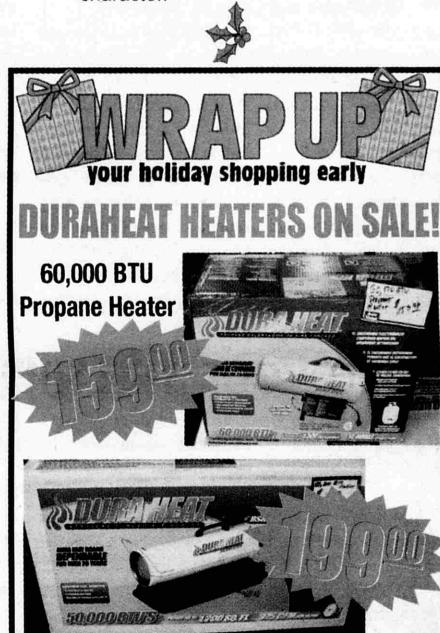
Get better service: Local businesses often hire people with a better understanding of the products they are selling and take more time to get to know customers.

Invest in community: Local businesses are owned by people who live in this community, are less likely to leave, and are more invested in the community's future.

Put your taxes to good use: Local businesses in town centers require infrastructure comparatively investment and make more efficient use of public services as compared to nationally owned stores entering the community.

Buy what you want, not what someone wants you to buy: Small businesses, each selecting products based not on a national sales plan but on their own interests and the needs of their local customers, guarantees a much broader range of product choices.

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The Red Arrow offense,

Destine, defense stop Muskegon late in dramatic 33-28 regional win

Lowell

by Thad Kraus

twice in the second half Friday night in the regional different results.

work so well.

after exploding for 27 points They also have players who in the first half, flattened can go the distance any time out in the third quarter they touch the ball. That's going three and out on three scary."

consecutive series. The second time was five, got the ball at its own 11 a game changer. Lowell with 2:20 to play. On second defensive end Jon Destine and seven Keyes broke free went flat (blitzed from his for 42 yards, taking the ball defensive end position), to the Lowell 44 with a avoided the block of a little over a minute to play. then pursued and tackled Big passes, Keyes rolled right Reds' quarterback, Kavonte on third and 10 before being Keyes, from behind, forcing caught from behind by a fumble and enabling Destine. The Big Reds' QB Lowell to secure a 33-28 fumbled the ball, which was victory and its third regional recovered by Jake Stehley, securing Lowell's victory.

2 semifinal where it will explained play Walled Lake Central at "Coach called the play, I Central Michigan University went flat, we all went allon Saturday. Walled Lake out. I'm just glad to be a

E-mail

Central advanced with a part of the Lowell football flat 39-13 regional win over program.

"You know Muskegon at halftime. Muskegon, however, rallied to take a championship game against was a good football team, a 28-27 lead on second-half Muskegon. Each bringing well-coached football team, touchdowns by T.J. Mitchell and is a school where football (12-yard TD reception) and The first time it didn't is a priority," Lowell football a 40-yard touchdown run coach Noel Dean explained. by Justin Means to start the The Red Arrow offense, "That creates some anxiety.

which was silent all of the third quarter, started its first possession of the fourth Muskegon, trailing by quarter at its own 39-yard line. An 11-yard touchdown pass from Gabe Dean to Reed Stormzand capped off a 14-play, 61-yard gamewinning scoring drive which Muskegon running back and Following two incomplete ate up 6:35 of the fourth-"That was a great catch

afterwards.

by a 10th grader," Dean said. "We took some chances and got off schedule a little bit in the third quarter."

The Red Arrows jumped 🥽 🐔 🦠 "That was the best out on top early when advances to the Division tackle of my career," Destine Dean connected with Matt Houston on a 19-yard pass and catch to give Lowell a

> Muskegon answered, moments later, on a 40-yard touchdown run by Juwan

> Lowell found the end zone a second time in the first quarter when Dean busted in from the one-yard line.

Leighton Watson made it three scores on three possessions when he found pay dirt from the one late in the opening quarter, giving Lowell a 21-7 advantage.

The Red Arrows extended their lead to 27-7 early in the second quarter when Dean found the end zone from the two-yard

Means tallied the Big Reds' second score of the game when he raced in from 18 yards out.

Muskegon rushed for 220 yards and threw for 72. Lowell finished with 218 yards rushing. Dean accounted for 158 while Watson amassed 62. Dean was 7-of-13 for 133 yards

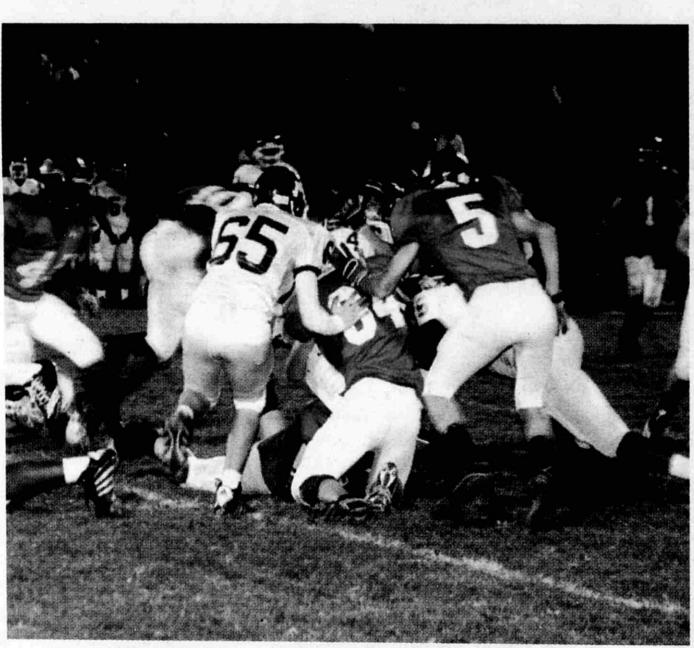
and a touchdown through

the air. "Our kids have fought back all year. Tonight, we ran out of time," Muskegon coach Shane Fairfield said. 'Lowell formations the heck out of you. That's a complicated offense they run and they are always well

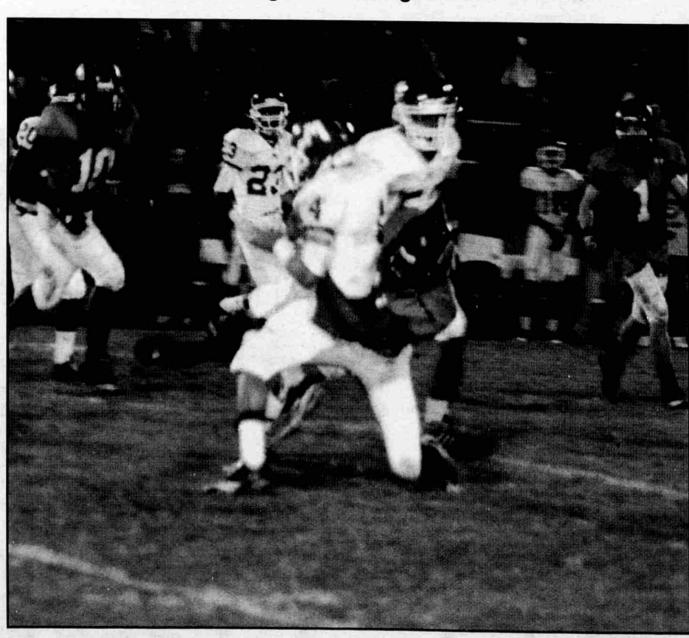
prepared."



Lowell football players, Tim Antel and Mark Fron. changed hats at halftime as they joined in with the Lowell High School marching band's half-time show.



Lowell's defense converges on Muskegon's Justin Means.



Lowell's Jon Destine wraps up Muskegon's Kavonte Keyes.

# Red Arrow 5PDR5



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And then there were 16. That is how many teams are still alive in the MHSAA football playoffs.

in the West Michigan area with a sixth coming from the Lakeshore.

Howell lands the Rams in a Division I semifinal matchup against a Plymouth team a semifinal game against who had to take out Canton Edwardsburg, an and Detroit Catholic Central in consecutive weeks to Sexton.

in Division 2 has been a daunting one. The Red with Portage Central sandwiched in the middle

East Grand Rapids which Who Do I Love? has dominated Division 3 over the last four years, has improving my overall record taken a different approach to 81-29. this year. The Pioneers have My only misstep was

survived and moved on with a one-point win over G.R. Christian and came within a toe-length of losing to Five of those schools are Zeeland East on the game's

Grand Rapids Central has saved its best play for Rockford's win over the playoffs. The Cougars advanced with a win over Comstock Park setting up winner over Lansing

West Catholic pounded The journey for Lowell Muskegon Oakridge and now plays Menominee.

Ravenna, Division 7, Arrows have had to defeat upset second ranked Ubly Grand Ledge and Muskegon and moves on to face Ishpeming.

Last week I went 9-1

picking Zeeland East. And Lowell that was by the narrowest of margins (a toe).

#### Rockford - Plymouth Plymouth's road has been

as difficult as any team in any division. The Rams built a big lead against Howell and then hung on.

tired! I love Rockford!

#### **EGR - Mount Pleasant**

Pioneers get a breather. EGR all over Mount Pleasant. I love the Pioneers!

#### Catholic Central Edwardsburg

The Cougars have seen the wing-t before (Zeeland West). They didn't stop it, but won a 50-42 shootout. How can I possibly love anyone but Edwardsburg! 1 Love the Eddies.

#### West Catholic -

I just think it's the Falcons' year to reach the

> I love West Catholic. Ravenna - Ishpeming

The Bulldogs knocked off a good Ubly team and now it's Ishpeming. I love Ravenna.

#### Walled Lake Central

It took a sensational first quarter by the Red Arrows to defeat Muskegon. What a game! The Red Arrows may be playing their best football and Walled Lake Central won't prevent them from a I think Plymouth may be second straight trip to Ford

I Love Lowell!

My other weekend winners are:

Cass Tech, Farmington Hills Harrison, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Williamston, Olivet, Constantine, Ithaca, Hudson, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart, and Saugatuck.

> **THAD'S TOP 10** 1. EGR

2. Rockford 3. Zeeland East 4. Lowell

5. Muskegon 6. West Catholic

7. Catholic Central 8. West Ottawa

9. Grand Haven

10. Greenville

Nov. 22, 2010

MON: Tony's cheese pizza

w/crackers also

# Lowell, WLC travel to CMU

for semi battle

Tickets for the Division football team has advanced 2 state semifinal football to the state semifinal Prior to defeating game between Lowell and Fenton in the regional final, Walled Lake Central will go

a regional final was in 2006 in the Lowell High School in a loss against Orchard athletic office. Lake St. Mary's. Tickets are \$6 (no passes allowed) and will go

Over the last two on sale from 7:30 a.m. until seasons the Vikings have posted a record of 19-3. 3 p.m. both days. The Red Arrows and

the Vikings only other trip to

The game is being Vikings have one common played in Mount Pleasant opponent in Walled Lake at Central Western University.

defeated Kickoff is scheduled for Central Western 40-7 and the Red Saturday will mark the Arrows opened the season with a 30-7 win over Walled first time in school history that a Walled Lake Central Lake Western.



on sale Thursday and Friday

offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), steamed broccoli, apple wedges, milk.

TUES: Mini baked corn dogs (hamburger on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), glazed carrots, fruit slices, milk.

#### LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

#### Reports

 Summer Moore, Student Representative, provided an update on high school and student council activities

students provided a service learning presentation.

#### Action Items

The Board accepted the following gift to the district: School Art Department.

Arrow Project Kick-Off Festivities.

- One XDA Module, donated by Hedrick Associates, Hamilton's absence. Valued at \$2,378.00 to be used in the Lowell Area Schools District Server Room.

and Policies

#### Consent Items Approved

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:.

 Minutes for the October 11, 2010 Regular Meeting; October 25, 2010 Board Facilities Committee Meeting

The following payment of bills for October, 2010: .\$909,497.22 1. GENERAL FUND. 2. SCHOOL SERVICES FUND .\$103,523.14 A. Food Service Fund. 3. TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.. .\$51,707.55 ..\$500.00 4. 2007 DEBT FUND.. .\$1,200.00 5. SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

...\$1,066,427.91

Hired Robert Ward, Part-time 8th Grade Orchestra way of high quality learning for students." Teacher, Lowell Middle School and Megan Thompson, Performing Arts Center Director, Lowell High School

Approved Overnight Student Trips: 9-11, 2011 (High School - Kevin Nugent)

School - Kim Griffith, Amanita Fahrni, Amy Pallo)

 May 25-27, 2011 (Alto - Barb Schneider) 2011 (Middle School, 7th Grade - Stacy Verburg)

#### **Budget Update**

Mr. Zielinski summarized the budget status reports for the success of our students. month of October. Mr. Zielinski stated that he plans to Superintendent Pratt was excited and proud to announce a Mr. Noskey, Ms. Titche, and last year's third grade share preliminary budget information at the November collaborative partnership with Grand Rapids Community Board Work Session, and submit budget amendments for College that will offer our students greater access to Board consideration at the December Regular Meeting. Mr. courses in Lowell. A pilot program for the winter semester Zielinski provided an update on state Edu Jobs funds will begin in January, with five classes being conveniently which have yet to be distributed. Mr. Zielinski distributed offered at our Runciman building. Students will have the - Minolta XD11 35mm Camera with 70-300mm Zoom Lens comprehensive annual financial reports for the general opportunity to take 13 credits, three evenings per week. (Macro Capability) and Camera Case, donated by Robert fund and audit information of federal programs to Board Garcia, Valued at \$700.00, to be used by the Lowell High members for review in preparation for the auditor's Board Communications presentation at the November Board Work Session. Mr. • Mr. Nugent announced that the Lowell FFA held their by Emily Liley, valued at \$180.00 to be used for the Pink district in Mr. Hommowun's absence, and to Ms. Anstett, bus drivers' association president, for assisting in Ms.

#### Curriculum Update

Disabilities Ad-hoc Committee is meeting to examine Community Fund. action plans. Mr. Bearup noted that K-5 teachers will meet • Mr. Turner thanked Mrs. Titche and students for a great next week to work on common core curriculum and the presentation. He added that examples of innovative District School Improvement Team will meet to develop learning through student presentations reinforce his desire implementation plans for district and building plans. Mr. to serve as a Board of Education member in Lowell. Bearup recognized Mrs. Diane Titche, stating that "her . Mr. Blough commented that he was in one of the presentation is a perfect example of inquiry based learning district's school buildings during a recent tornado warning and common core standards. He added that Mrs. Titche is and was very impressed with the conduct and procedures an amazing teacher who breaks traditional barriers in the followed by our staff and students. Mr. Blough thanked the

#### Superintendent's Report

forward district-wide including MEAP, numerous music support and inspire students and staff to participate in - Camp Blodgett: West Olive, Michigan - May, 2011 (High performances, parent teacher conferences, and high service learning. quality instruction. Superintendent Pratt acknowledged Mr. - Aman Park Indian Trails Camp: Grand Rapids, Michigan Bearup for his hard work and leadership with regard to the completion of MEAP. Superintendent Pratt expressed - Camp Manitou-Lin: Middleville, Michigan - May 25-27, appreciation to all staff for the extra time and effort put forth during parent teacher conferences to ensure that the

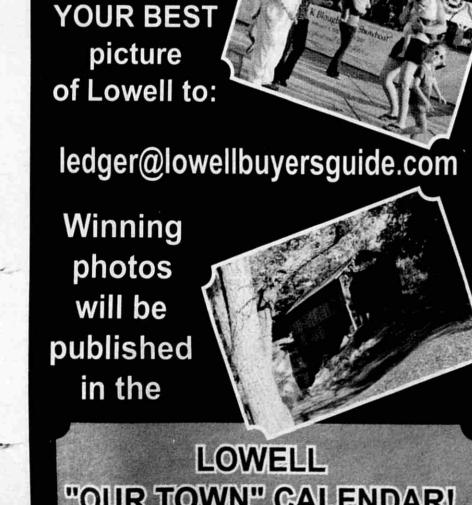
school/parent partnership is strong in order to optimize the

- Two Detroit Lions Tickets for October 31 Game, Donated Zielinski extended gratitude to Mr. Eckman for assisting the annual hog roast and auction, which is a great fundraising event. Mr. Nugent commented that the FFA is a valuable district program, offering creative learning opportunities for students and encouraged those willing to provide assistance to support this program. Mr. Nugent reported that the Lowell Education Foundation held its annual grant Adopted Resolution Approving NEOLA Board Bylaws Mr. Bearup announced that administration and submission review meeting and, of 36 applications, 14 grants received of this year's MEAP is complete. Mr. Bearup commended funding with a few more pending. To date, the Lowell MEAP coordinators, teachers, and principals for their work 
Education Foundation has granted \$20,700.00 to teachers to ensure that the assessment is administered correctly who applied in order to enhance the curriculum and offer and that the materials are accurately compiled and innovation in the classroom. The funds are made available October 25, 2010 Board Work Session Meeting, and submitted. Mr. Bearup reported that the Students with through donations and grants from the Grand Rapids

Lowell staff for a job well done.

 President Lessens expressed appreciation to the student presenters for an inspiring report on how we can Superintendent Pratt commented that the recent busy all help one another, even across the globe. President - State FFA Convention: East Lansing, Michigan - March months are an indicator of the phenomenal work going Lessens thanked Carla Stone who works tirelessly to

> Board of Education Regular Meeting December 13, 2010 7:00 p.m.



OUR TOWN" CALENDAR!

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## obituaries

Corey Daniel Mol, age 20, of Lowell, passed away very unexpectedly Monday, November 15, 2010, He was

preceded in death by his father, Donald grandparents, Arthur Carlton "Dutch" Mary Schlientz: and Holly Schlientz. is survived by mother Christine; sister, Elizabeth grandmother Rose Mol of Rockford; cats, Tigger Ginny; and aunts. many



uncles, and cousins. Funeral service will be held Friday at 11 a.m., First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main, Lowell. Pastor W. Lee Taylor and Pastor Phil Severn officiating. Visitations will be Thursday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Olivia's Gift, 5892 Linkside Lane, Belmont, MI 49306.

#### **GREG VAN STRIEN HEATING AND PLUMBING**

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# CITY OF LOWELL

#### **SALE OF CITY PROPERTY ADVERTISEMENT OF BID**

The City of Lowell is accepting sealed bids for the sale of a City owned lot approximately 338,923 square feet at 320 Kent Street (parcel number 41-20-02-434-002).

Prospective bidders must describe their proposed use of the property in which they are bidding on.

Sealed bids and proposed uses must be returned to the office of the City Manager, 301 East Main Street no later than Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at which time these will be publicly opened and read. A final decision of sale will rest with the City Council, which will consider such on Monday December 6, 2010.

The City has the right to accept or reject any or all bids and that it may award conveyance to someone other than the highest monetary bidder and also the right to waive any formal defects I bids when deemed in the best interest of the City.



Betty R. Morlock

City Clerk

RONEY

Charles Joseph Roney, age 69, of Lowell, passed away Monday, November 8, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Susan Roney; children, Kelly (John) Denham, Katie (Marty) Carpenter, John (Sarah) Kunter-Griffin, Brian (Britt) Kunter, Heather (Brad) Farnsbee Kristin (Paul) Kahrz; sisters, Mary, Susan, Belle, Martha, Sara, Celeste; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Visitation was held Friday, November 12, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made to The Michigan Donor Family Council, 250 Helen St., Trenton, MI 48183.

#### VELZEN

Gabriel Michael Velzen, passed away Saturday, November 13, 2010. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Henry Velzen. He is survived by his parents, Corwin (Ashley) Velzen; sister, Jordan Elizabeth; grandparents, Terry (Linda) Tatro, Karen Velzen; great grandmothers, Bernice Velzen, Beverly Wolff; uncle, Chris (Jenn) Velzen; aunts, Carolyn (Dan) Krueger, Cheri (Dean) Krueger, Cathi (Justin) Powell; and 14 cousins. A private family service will be held later in the week. Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell, 1151 W. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 10-189401-DE

**Estate of MARGUERITE** M. BEEMAN. Date of birth: 02/15/1927.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICETOCREDITORS: decedent, MARGUERITE BEEMAN, who lived at 2066 Collingwood, Wyoming. Michigan. died 07/13/2010.

within 4 months after the date of publication

of this notice.

Creditors decedent are notified presented to THOMAS your retirement benefit at vantil@ssa.gov personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 2066 Collingwood, Wyoming, MI 49519 and the named/proposed personal representative

11/09/2010

Thomas Beeman 2066 Collingwood Wyoming, MI 49519

# CITY OF LOWELL

## **FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP PROGRAM**

For the months of October and November yard waste will be picked up on a weekly basis. Yard waste pickup will be on Thursday, the same day as your trash.

Please note if a holiday falls during the week, Thursday pickup will be delayed to Friday.

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



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

## Wrap up your retirement application before wrapping gifts

for many people, the busiest Estimator uses your personal time of year with gift lists employment history to and to-do lists, feast planning estimate your retirement and party preparation. The benefit busy schedule, like the gift lists, often can get out of the retirement application.

retiring sometime early in the new year, we suggest you wrap up your retirement application now before years and 9 months old; wrapping any holiday gifts. It's so easy and can take as benefits in the next four little as 15 minutes. Just go months; and to www.socialsecurity.gov/ applyonline.

Our website makes submitted electronically, Security you're done. There are no Besides. documentation is required. contact you if any further activities. information is needed.

Before you start your application, you may want **be** to spend a few minutes to get an estimate of named www.socialsecurity.gov/

The holiday season is, estimator. The Retirement

Then, jump right into You can use the online If you're planning on application to apply for Social Security retirement or spouses benefits if you:

Are at least 61

Want to start your

Live in the United

States.

Applying online means the retirement application there is no need for you to process quick, easy, and go to a Social Security office secure. In most cases, or wait for a scheduled once your application is appointment with a Social representative. forms to sign and usually no is so easy. You can apply in as little as 15 minutes. Social Security will process That translates to more time application and for holiday shopping and

> Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 50 College SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or via email at vonda.



## NOTICE **VERGENNES** TOWNSHIP

Vergennes Township is seeking applications for the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Review and Construction Board of Appeals. Applications should be received by Friday, December 17, 2010, and will be considered at the December 20, 2010 meeting of the Vergennes Township Board.

Application forms may be obtained at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331, or on the township web site at www.vergennestwp.org under forms. The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 3pm. For further information, call 897-5671 during office hours.

Mari Stone, Clerk

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# fledger classifieds

#### for sale

LOVELY DOUBLE WIDE in Key Heights. Livingroom fireplace, central air, great price. 897-3121.

MATTRESSES - All new sets. Twin \$100, full \$125, aueen \$150, king \$175 & up. Waterbed replacements \$60 & up. Bunkbeds \$195. Futons w/i.s. pad \$325. Can deliver. 616-682-4767 or 293-6160.

FREE AD! - Place & pay for a classified ad in the Buvers Guide & Lowell Ledger for 3 weeks & receive the 4th week FREE! You must mention the special in order to receive this offer. Valid only with new classified ads, and must be paid for when ad is placed. Call 897-9555, fax 897-4809 or email to: classifieds@lowell buyersquide.com, 105 N.

AMERICAN GIRL DOLL **CLOTHES** - homemade outfits \$10 & under at Vergennes United Methodist Church, Bailey & Parnell during Christmas through Lowell, Nov. 19 & 20, or come to my home, 642-

Broadway, Lowell. Ph.

897-9261.

CESSNA - 172k N79921 1/4 share, hangared at Lowell, \$45 hr. wet. \$75 per month dues. Call 897-

HAY - 80 bales at \$3 per bale. 2nd cutting alfalfa/ grassy mix. Free roosters. 897-9306.

MEMORY FOAM MAT-TRESS - Queen, never used, Tempurpedic "Deluxe," price \$2699, will sell \$1100. Brand new. Can deliver. 616-682-4767 or 293-6160.

MAKE SURE YOUR BUSI-NESS IS LISTED - in the 2011 Lowell City Directory! If you run a business out of your home & do not have a business phone number in the Grand Rapids phone book, there is a charge to put your phone number in the Lowell City Directory. There will also be a charge if you would like your cell phone listed or for an out of the area listing. The cost is \$15. Your business name & phone number will be listed in the red pages & under 1 category in the yellow pages. Please call Tammy at 897-9560 or email: citydirectory@att. net for further info or to place your order.

## lost

PLEASE NOTE - All ads in this category must be prepaid.

STILL MISSING-SEARCH **CONTINUES! REWARD!** Hoping to find closure for missing long-haired, ALL black, male cat, named BLACKIE. He has a "feather duster" tail, BRIGHT light vellow round eves. Age 2 1/2. VANISHED on 10/28/09 from Ryan Ridge/ Alden Nash area, near Twp. offices. ANY INFO please call 897-8385.

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.vfw8303.org. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-

for rent

FOR RENT - Lowell, 2 bedroom apartment. Large fenced in vard and deck, most utilities included. \$510 per month, 897-8067

FOR RENT - Lowell. bedroom, 1 bath apartment, storage, trash removal, car port, water & sewer included. \$500 per month plus \$300 deposit No pets, no smoking, Call 897-4829.

LOWELL - 2 bedroom apartment for rent, \$510 per month plus utilities, walk ing distance to downtown Lowell. Call for details

PRICELESS STOR AGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of 196. Call for specials 558-2900.TN

LOWELL MOBILE HOME PARK - Under new management. Nice 1, 2 & 3 bedroom trailers for rent Rent from \$350 - \$550. For info call George at 616-754-0276 or 616-813-8041.TEN

#### personals

CARL DAVID MILLER TURNS 50 YEARS OLD on Nov. 20. Please "Shower" him with cards at: 1490 Sibley, Lowell, MI 49331 or call with birthday wishes to:

#### wanted

**RETIREMENT HOPES UP** IN SMOKE? - 26-year-old Forbes rated company has made a quantum leap with our newest no competition product line. Affordable & life changing this opportunity can put you on track for financial change, 561-324-3438.

WANTED - Older toys, games, kitchen items, furniture, art, instruments, signs & advertising, military & sports items, jewelry & much more! CA\$H PAÍD. 616-550-0521.

WANTED - Part-time cleaning job(s). Flexible hours & pay. Please call 897-6892 (9-6 p.m.), Claire.

## help wanted

OFFICE MANAGER POSI TION IN LOWELL - Parttime, 2 days per week to start. Must be proficient in Quickbooks and have knowledge of payroll taxes. AAAK-9 Academy Internaional, Please call 897-0534

#### help wanted

K-9 ACADEMY INTER-NATIONAL - looking for another experienced dog trainer. www.k9academy international.com 616-293-

NOW HIRING - and training for career positions with West Michigan's leading real estate company. Ca Rick Seese, Greenridge Realty, Inc. for a confidential interview. 616-437-2576 or 616-974-4250.

#### sales

HOUSEHOLD ESTATE SALE - Fri., 11/19, 9-5 p.m. & Sat., 11/20, 9-2 p.m. 225 Donna Dr., Lowell, Household goods, tools, kitchenware, misc. furniture, etc. No clothes or kid items.

TOY JEEP SALE Nov. 20, 9 a.m. 1 p.m. Matchbox. Hotwheels, remote control, hundreds to choose from. 2719 Bewell.

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#### services

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

> COMPUTERREHAB-\$65 all repairs - Virus & Spyware removal. No diagnostic fees! Mon. - Sat., 505-B West Main, Lowell. 616-828-5346, www. computerRehab.ws

PROFESSIONAL TREE **CLIMBER NEEDS WORK** Fully insured. Removals, trims, chipping, stump grinding. Call Dan for free estimate at 616-970-3832.

AUCTION - Grattan Auction House, every Saturday 4 p.m. & every Wednesday 6 p.m. until further notice. Bill Landstra auctioneer 616-691-8020. 12790 Mile Rd. NE & Lincoln Lake Ave. Grattan.

HOTWATERDR - HotwaterDr Pool & Spa Service. Every make and model. Hot tub cover specials! Call 616-874-3385 or visit hotwaterdr.com

#### services

FALL CLEANUP - leaves, cut back perennials, pruning. General landscaping, Tree transplanting. Scenic Expressions, LLC, Tom, 240-6215.

CARRIAGE OR SLEIGH RIDES - w/Santa or photoshots, your place or ours. For more information call 676-2895 or 616-204-3190.

ZOOLAND DAYCARE HAS FULL TIME OPEN-INGS - Call 897-8386 or 308-0195. www.zoolanddaycare.com

FREE RECYCLING - Appliances large & small, grills, bikes, mowers, car parts, vacuums, farm equipment, anything electrical or metal. Call John 254-9158 for free pickup.

SNOWPLOWING - Ada, Cascade, Lowell area. Residential & commercial. insured, seasonal or per time. Call Jon at Scenic Expressions, LLC, 240-

TAXES, PAYROLL QUICKBOOKS, & AC-COUNTING SERVICE by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-

#### services

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#### In memoriam

In Memory of Leo Ryan died November 20, 2005

You brought light to our lives, and smiles to our hearts. You gave us fond memories, to carry through the years and the memories always help us to wipe away our tears. We'll always remember the laughter that you brought, the joy you gave to all of us, a warmth that can't be bought.

> Love Sonja Ryan & family

# Community Calendar

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are ran on a space available basis ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO RUN. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office 8 place it as a classified ad. We will not run ANY Garage or Rumnage Sales as a coming event All Coming Events or changes o coming events should be subnitted by fax: 897-4809, email classifieds@lowellbuyersguide

com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell

Ministries, Mel Trotter and Health

MI 49331 or in person: 105 N Broadway, Lowell. COATS FOR KIDS & VET DRIVE RUNS THROUGH DEC 1 - Donate your coat(s) at Lowell Area Chamber or at Curtis Cleaners locations. All coats collected will be donated to Flat River

ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER 2251 W. Main. Hours: Mon. 11-5 p.m.; Tues. 6-9 p.m.; Thurs. 10-6 p.m. 987-9533. Diapers, formula, clothing & free pregnancy testing

AVERILL HISTORICAL MU-SEUM OF ADA - 7144 Headley, is open every Friday & Saturday 4 p.m. or by appointment. Closed Jan. & Feb. 676-9346.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Tues.

& Wed., 12-8 p.m.; Mon. & Sat.

9:30-1:30 p.m.; Thurs., 1-5 p.m. Info., call 647-3820. ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS - Mon.-Wed., noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5

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

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUN-CIL GALLERY HOURS - Tues. Fri., 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m.;

Monday by appt.; 149 S. Hudson. Visit www.lowell artscouncil.org.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday: 1-4 p.m.; Thursday: 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3: ages 5-17 \$1.50: members ST. MARY'S PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER- 402 Amity. Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. and

Thursdays: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Non-denominational. Help for

pregnant women/adolescents in

need. Provides support, referrals,

SHOTGUN&ARCHERYSHOOT-

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

Care for Homeless veterans. ING LEAGUES - at Caledonia Sportsman's Club (Alto/Freeport). Contact Al Potas 698-2051 or email shooting@csc.us.com. FREE ADDICTIONS PROGRAM

every Friday, 7 p.m. at Bible Believers Church, 404 N. Hudson St., Lowell. For more information call 616-485-2385. MOTHERS WHO HAVE OR

serving in the military. We are meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. For more info call Sally 616-761-2042. FAMILY STORYTIME - Share

HAVE HAD - sons/daughters

books, stories, rhymes, music & movement as a family. Develop early literacy skills & encourage a love of reading. For children Mondays, now to Nov. 29, 10:30 a.m. Alto Branch Library, 6071 Mary School, 7:30 p.m. infield Ave. 616-784-2007.

Chapter #75, 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St.,

MICHIGAN HEPATITIS C FOUN-DATION SUPPORT - 1st Thursday, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at 250 Cherry, Lacks Cancer Center, Grand

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

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

PAJAMA STORYTIME - For families who can't come to the library during the day. Pajama Storytime offers an evening of stories & fun. (Paiamas optional) For children ages 6 & under with a caregiver. No registration required. Wed., Nov. 24, 6:30 p.m. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. 616-784-2007

**ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES-First** Baptist Church of Lowell has made available new sign up times for this great savings opportunity! Signups are first 2 weeks of each month, Tues. - Fri., 9-5 p.m. at the church office with cash or Bridge Card; or online with your debit or credit card at www.angelfood ministries. com. First Baptist Church, 2275 W. Main, Lowell. Call the church office at 897-7168 or Angie at 897-0420

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP -2nd Tuesday at Schneider Manor Community Rm., 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

with questions.

ages 6 & under with a caregiver. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #7719 - second and fourth Tuesday at St.

day and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 865 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, Closed AA meetings. Non-smoking.

NICOTINE ANONYMOUS Every Monday 7-9 p.m. at Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. For info call Thomas at 691-1147. Nicotine Anonymous is a fellowship o men & women helping each other to live free of nicotine. There are

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY neets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. a Bowne Center United Methodis Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www. womenforsobriety.org.

TOTS PLAYGROUPS - Birth - 5 vears. Weekly during the school year, 8:30 a.m. or 10 a.m. T, W, Th, Bushnell Elementary, room 106. \$1 per child per session - babies free! ALTO Playgroup weekly too. Call Lori 987-2532.

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

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post

KINGDOM KIDS, CADETS & GEMS - meets every other Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Calvary CRC, Lowell. Programs for preschool - 8th Grade, GEMS for girls meets in the Church building, Cadets & Kingdom Kids meet in the ministry center. Call 897-7060 for info.

THE LOWELL BOARD OF **EDUCATION** - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

# Secretary of State offices to close for Thanksgiving holiday

Terri Lynn Land reminds expire to give them ample will arrive by mail within lunch hour. On Wednesdays customers that all branch time to renew. Licenses seven business days. offices and the Office of and plates that expire on a the Great Seal will be day when state offices are also be renewed at Self- those in city centers open closed in observance of the closed, such as a holiday or Service Stations, many of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PLUS Thanksgiving holiday.

closed on Thursday, Nov. 25, Friday, Nov. 26, and closed on Saturday, Nov. trip" to the branch office

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license plates can "skip the Station near you. The Department of State if eligible, by Internet. Easy are open Monday, Tuesday, visit the department website mails notices to motorists 45 to follow instructions can Thursday and Friday from 9 at www.Michigan.gov/sos. days before their driver's be found with the renewal a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller branch

Secretary of State license or license plates notice. License plate tabs offices may close for the

weekend, can be renewed which are available 24/7. offices and SUPER!Centers All offices will be the following day without Visit the Branch Office are open from 9 a.m. to Locator at www.Michigan. 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Motorists renewing gov/sos to find a Self-Service SUPER!Centers

With the exception of from 9 a.m. to noon. and do business by mail, or holidays, branch offices

group of staff and teachers.

with such an amazing group

of ladies in Family Links.

I also am lucky to work

I think that having

parental involvement in the

school system is important

most offices are open from License plate tabs can 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with provide Saturday hours

For more information

difference in our children's

busy volunteering, she

enjoy computers, gardening,

traveling, and spending time

with friends and family.

When Northup is not

lives," said Northup.

#### **NOVEMBER 10 - NOVEMBER 16**

- Paul and Rachel Chandler, the British couple held hostage for more than a year by pirates, are finally freed.
- Former President Bill Clinton joins the cast of the upcoming movie Hangover 2.
- Petraeus and Karzai spar over U.S. war plans. Karzai's call for U.S. to "reduce military operations" irks U.S. commander ahead of transition plan talks.
- Gov-elect Rick Snyder says he wants to be a friend to Detroit. Michigan "can't be a great state until Detroit is on the path to being a great city. Detroit, too, needs a friend."
- Prince William and longtime girlfriend Kate Middleton have officially announced royal wedding plans. Middleton will be the first commoner to marry an heir to the throne in 350

The Lowell YMCA would like to thank the 175

participants that came out to our first Turkey Trot 5k at the Wittenbach Center. It was a great event. We were able to bring a carload of donated food from participants to FROM after the run. We got so much

positive feedback that we will again be doing it next

To the stupid driver Thursday night on Alden

Nash, just before Segwun where a car turned left -This is a dangerous road. Was is really necessary to

pass me? Also, did you not see the two deer by the side

The arts council and Larkin's are doing a great

job with the dinner theater and Escanaba in Love!

You can still sign up for the final two showings Friday

BE SURE AND GO TO

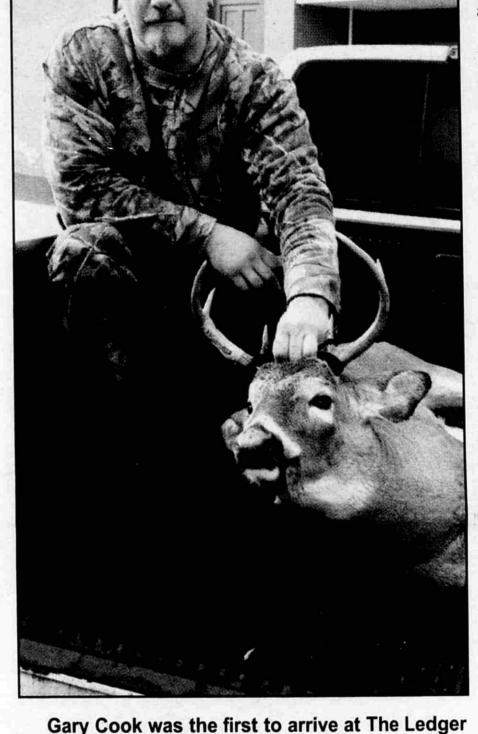
thelowellledger.com

AND VOTE IN

**OUR WEEKLY POLL!** 

and Saturday. Great show, great food, great time!

year. Thanks again.



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Gary Cook's drive to

his opening day hunting

location may have taken

longer than it did to drop his

in on Monday (9:26 a.m.)

for The Lowell Ledger's

town near the Flat River in

Cook was the first hunter

Tucked away north of

six-point buck.

First Deer Contest.

out, 30 minutes into his

hunt, when he took aim and

dropped the buck with his

with his deer on opening day.

opening day of buck season with companion Sandra occurrence for the Grand Sturis, spotted the 165pound buck about 50 yards Rapids' man.

Opening day good fortune continues for Cook

"I think I've gotten a buck in probably 10 of the last 15 years," Cook said. Three generations of

"I hit him and then he Yeiters came to The Ledger ran about 75 yards before office at 9:58 a.m. with falling," Cook explained. an eight point weighing Finding a deer on roughly 125 pounds.

The shot was delivered by the youngest Yeiter, Payden.

It was the first year of hunting for Terry Yeiter's grandson.

buck with a 20 gauge from about 40-yards out.

Payden dropped the

"I was a little nervous," he explained afterwards.

Joining the two Yeiters was Terry's son, Bliss.

Going out on opening day has become a tradition. The other tradition is breakfast at the Backwater." Terry said.

Two seven-point bucks and an eight-point buck within 45 minutes is a story not often told.

However, that was the story shared by Barry Sayer, Jared Blough and Logan

the youngest of the three, Logan, dropped an eightpoint, 140-pound buck at around 7:30 a.m.

Blough, enjoying his third year of hunting, is a perfect 3-for-3 on opening

"They've all been eight



All in the family. Terry Yeiter, Payden Yeiter and Bliss Yeiter (left to right) all found their marks and came home with a buck on Monday.

Jared Blough point, 150-pound buck moments later with his was swiss pancakes. muzzle loader.

(7:40 a.m.) it was Barry banana before they left the at 8 a.m. Sayer's turn when he saw house around 6:30 a.m. and dropped a seven-point buck weighing roughly 155 they both had themselves a pound buck.

"It's nice we all got our bucks, but it's also nice to 100-pound, four-point buck have some momentum build at around 8:30 a.m.

explained. The breakfast champions on this morning

For Cub and Jeanne opening days come and go, moments Vezino, breakfast was Roughly two hours later loader he dropped the 170-

"It's the biggest buck Jeanne Vezino shot her I've ever shot," Vezino said.

"It was my first buck

Cub, who's been hunting

Shooting his muzzle

on opening day," she

28 years and has seen a few

spotted his prized 10-point



Pictured, from left to right, are Barry Sayer, Jared Blough and Logan Blough. They were the second hunting threesome of the morning to arrive at The Ledger office with all having an opening day buck story.

"Yeah, he's been spoiled." second as he shot his seven-

Hunting south of town,

His father Jared adds,



both shot a buck on opening day.

# Cub Vezino and his wife Jeanne shared in one another's success as they

# CONGRATULATIONS to all of the hunters!

See you next year!

#### Murray Lake names Volunteer of the Month Murray Lake parent, a great job," commented that has such a dedicated and makes a noticeable

Lisa Northup, was named Murray Lake administrative Volunteer of the Month at assistant, Joan Weeber. Northup graduated from Murray Lake. Northup is the newest addition to the Michigan State University Murray Lake Family Links with a BA in psychology. She began working for and can frequently be seen volunteering at Murray Eastman Kodak Company

as soon as she graduated and "It is great to get new worked there for eight years. moms to join our Family She left the company when Links group. They add she had her twins, Kaden energy and new ideas. Lisa and Kyra, both students at is no exception. She has been Murray Lake. She has been a very active member of our married to her husband Jud Links group. You can see her for 15 years. almost daily volunteering "I love being able to

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Lisa Northup pictured with her children, Kaden and Kyra.

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