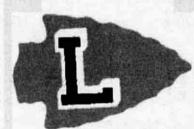


### new hotel to open



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on to the state finals

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by Emma Palova

The annual Christmas through Lowell tour had a steady, comfortable turnout, a sign of an improving economy. Beautiful November sunshine held up for all three days of the shopping spree.

"We've been comfortably busy," said June Dilly, organizer of the Lowell Women's Club luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce. Dilly said the money

raised was down by \$300 compared to last year, but the club also had a lot more competition from area churches, Grand Volute and Ella's.

"We did sell out of all our soups," said Dilly.

The club had a good selection of food including sandwich plates with beef and pulled pork. But, the biggest sellers were the six soups.

That's why people keep coming back for our soups, according to Dilly.

**Christmas through Lowell shows steady turnout** 

At Nightforest Jewelry, owner Jeana Schwacha was assisted by Molly Denison. There were more than

300 artists and crafters on the Christmas tour with handmade treasures, such as candles, soaps, pottery and jewelry.

The tour kicks off the holiday season always

on the third weekend in November.

> Coming up is the Rogue River Artisans Holiday Marketplace at the high school on Dec. 4, along with Santa visits on the Showboat, the Flat River Freeze Ice

Sculpture challenge, "A Cup of Christmas Tea" at the Lowell Area Historical Museum, Rudolph's craft workshop at the chamber, lighting of the community Christmas tree and the nighttime parade.



Cliff Yankovich at Chimera Design.

At left, June Dilly, Veronica Blough, Joy Smith, Carolyn Blough, Marj Harding, Joanne Parker and Mary McAlery.

# LaughFest hopes to bring out community comedians for a cause

by Emma Palova

Get ready to laugh. There will be comedians all over Grand Rapids in March and the organizers of the first LaughFest are encouraging communities like Lowell to emulate the fest.

"It's a community event," said based and public marketing relations director of Gilda's Club, Paul Salyer. "Anyone can sign up."

Salver said anyone who thinks they're funny should sign up for the Grand Rapids LaughFest and then locally rent a large space and act.

The LaughFest is modeled after ArtPrize following its huge success, according to leadership board member of Lowell Gilda's Club, Teresa Beachum.

"This was 18 months in the planning," she said. "ArtPrize was the fuel for bringing comic relief to West Michigan."

The corporate sponsors include the

So, March will bring the nation's first ever communitywide

said

Collection,

Gilda's Club is looking for more sponsors and more comedic

Meijer, Bud Light, Reagan

Marketing, and the Wege

talent. "We're looking for other talent to play at different venues," said

Gillmore

Foundation.

Beachum

Beachum. The event takes on a momentum, as Pink Arrows

will be presenting checks to Gilda's Club and Lowell Community Wellness \$120,000 totaling in December.

63rd Also, recently Sara District Judge Smolenski had a comedic presentation at the Lowell Women's Club. Smolenski, who lost three relatives in 18 months, talked about finding balance in humor even in different stages of grieving.

festival of laughter to Grand Rapids, March 10, 2011; the 10-day, 20-plus venue event, LaughFest, is designed to engage people throughout the region and beyond in all aspects of humor. Created by the team at Gilda's Club Grand Rapids in celebration of its 10th anniversary, LaughFest's entertainers include

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Molly Denison at Nightforest Jewelry.

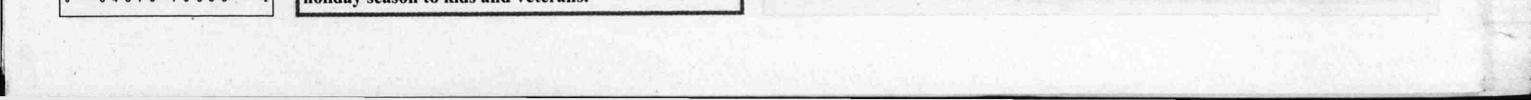
# **Curtis coat drive** targets kids and veterans

many with warmth during by Thad Kraus Curtis Cleaners' third the holidays. annual coats for kids and The veterans will bundle up

drive, which Coat drive, continued, page 2



Andy Curtis, of Curtis Cleaners, delivers 125 coats to the Flat River Outreach Ministries. Curtis Cleaners is hoping to distribute over 850 coats this holiday season to kids and veterans.



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# Middle school students visit the Lowell Airport





### WHIFFLE BALL AND CAGE HITTING LEAGUES

Sign up for 6-8 week leagues for all ages forming at Spring Training Indoor Sports Center. Registration due no later than Nov. 27. Contact 616-560-8889 or go to www. yourspringtraining.com to enter.

### SENIOR NEIGHBORS

Santa Claus is Coming To Town - Michigan's largest animated drive-thru Christmas light display is celebrating its 13th year at Fifth Third Ballpark. Hop on the bus Tues., Nov. 30 at 6 p.m.

### ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Sat., Dec. 4, 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.

### LACC SEEKING PARADE ENTRIES

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.

A group of 32 seventh- Pilot and math teacher Kris grade students from Lowell Middle School chose a field trip to the Lowell City Airport as their activity for the end of Trimester I Rewards Day. The program included clever hands-on activities, such as flying toilet paper, the old "egg in the bottle" trick, thrusting an ornithopter, and focusing on Bernuolli's Principle to demonstrate the force of lift.

Pictured, from left to right: Katie Brim, Maddy Emelander, Kris Kropf, Victoria Hewitt, Harris Islamcevic, Brandyn Inderbitzen and Allie Frederickson.

### **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 **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, vard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.



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# **Coat drive, continued**

started on Oct.11, will run distributed.

and it's a way to give back the community. to the community over the holidays," said manager Andy Curtis.

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The local dry cleaners 850 coats were collected and (Nov. 17). All coats that are dropped off are cleaned "It's a good thing to and/or dry-cleaned before provide for the community being distributed back into

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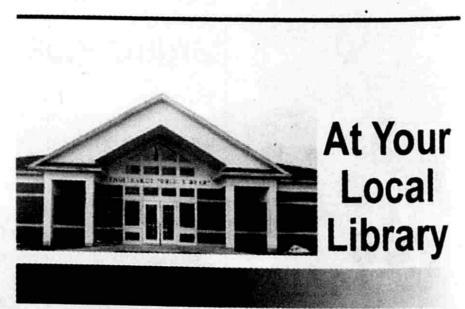
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Residents looking to drive has also been added through Dec. 1. As of Nov. delivered 125 coats to donate coats can drop them to the Ionia area. Ionia's 17, Curtis Cleaners had the Flat River Outreach off at any one of the Gilmore Independent Bank is taken in 600 coats. Last year, Ministries on Wednesday Collection restaurants, Farm collecting coats. Those coats Bureau Insurance branches will be distributed in the and at the dry cleaners. Ionia area.

This year the coat



**KDL'S Winter Reading Road Trip** 

The Kent District a map that will take you Library is sending you on on a journey to jumpstart a virtual reading road trip. your winter reading. Read new books while Registration is required. venturing around KDL-land For adults. Program runs for a chance to win great from December 1 to March prizes. Sign up and receive 19.

call 616-784-2007.

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Kropf, and flight instructor

Jeff Ostrander, conducted

the program which was

both educational and

entertaining to these middle

school aviation enthusiasts.

Kropf and Ostrander are

members of the Greenville

Area Aviation Association

who help promote similar

aviation programs for local

students.

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# Annual Rogue River Artisans sale at Lowell High School this Saturday

Starting the holidays with a fabulous gift shopping experience can only mean one thing - partaking in the Rogue River Artisans 28th Annual Fine Art and Craft holiday sale.

This year's event will take place at Lowell High School on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is \$1.

The show will feature the area's finest selection of more than 100 juried artists and craftsmen.

Artists will feature quality sculpture, pottery, jewelry, glass, metal, soaps, wearables, naturals, floral, specialty food, wood.

furniture, wild photography, painting wearable, seasonal decor and more.

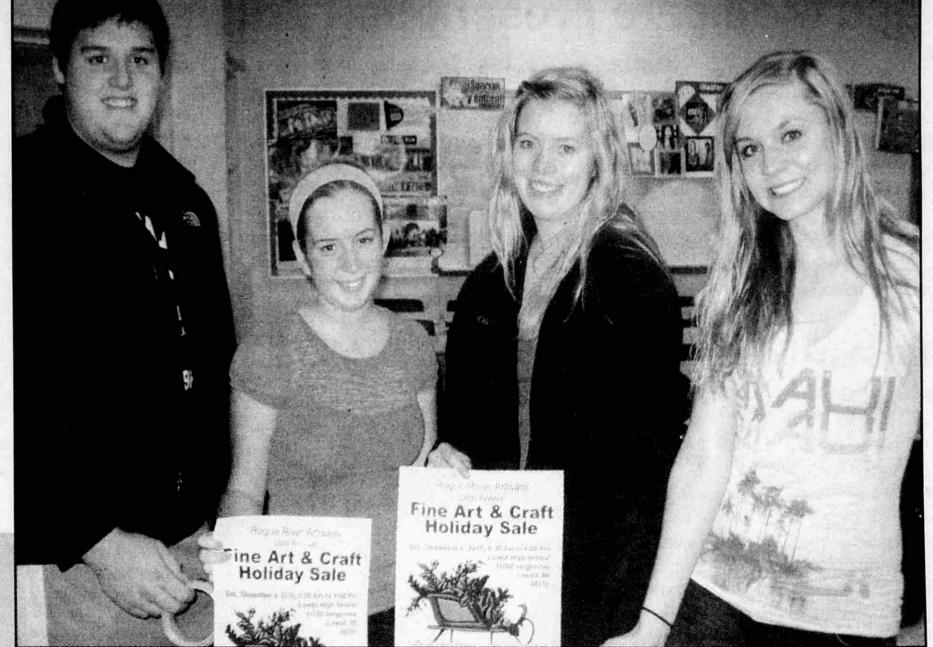
The holiday craft and fine art sale will benefit the Class of 2011.

Proceeds will go toward the seniors' activities next spring at Lowell High School.

Under the guidance of Sarah Ellis, the senior class will help in the show setup. takedown and clean up along with helping artists arrive and depart with their materials and wares.

Lunch will be available to patrons of the sale in the high school cafeteria.

Lowell seniors, who lend a helping hand at the Rogue River Artisans show on Dec. 4, include, left to right: Griffin Brink, Brynlie Pomper, Bryleigh Loughlin and Sam Visscher.



# LaughFest, continued

comedians Bill Cosby, Betty White, Mike Birbiglia and Kathleen Madigan. Other includes entertainment multiple showcases. Dan Zane and Friends, laughter yoga, guest authors, and incredibly funny contests.

Last week's announcement by Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids kicks off LaughFest's recruitment of additional sponsors, volunteers and more entertainment venues throughout downtown Grand

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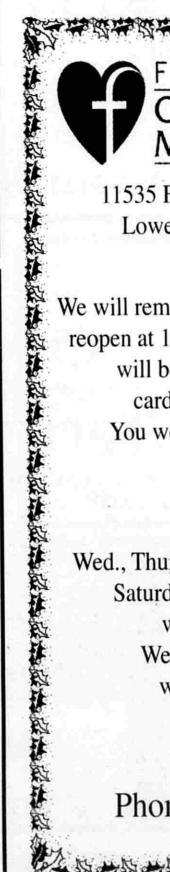
laughing. In the coming Hall, DeVos Place, GRCC at \$250. There will also be community and beyond, community talent showcase. restaurants such as The individual or tickets in addition to

Rapids to get everybody include DeVos Performance all festival passes starting laughter to everyone in their packages and others.

A variety of ticket options will be offered and include individual event

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to think that I should do the health of it." same thing with cancer."



Kent District Library programs at Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe St. For additional information or to register,

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LaughFest merchandise.

weeks, the community will Ford Fieldhouse, St. Cecilia a number of events free to especially for those families be invited to join in on the Music Center, UICA, the public. Details on ticket living with cancer and grief," fun with their own version Grand Rapids Art Museum sales will be announced in said Michael Radner. "My of "what's funny" through a and local area bars and time for holiday purchases. sister, Gilda, loved to laugh Gilda's Club is named and after she was diagnosed The public will also have B.O.B., Amway Grand after Gilda Radner, an with cancer, she found out the opportunity to purchase Plaza Hotel, JW Marriott original cast member of that finding the funny, even Michigan can use laughter Saturday Night Live. Gilda in a cancer journey, was to face difficult situations died of ovarian cancer in so important. I applaud and our goal is to show how 1989. In her book It's Always all - community investors, "My job was to find what even the comedians who are and play. It's about laughter was funny about whatever coming in - who are helping was going on. So I began to celebrate laughter for the

LeannArkema, president information "I'm so excited about and CEO of Gilda's Club what Grand Rapids is doing Grand Rapids, said the event laughfestgr.org. to pass along the gift of was long in the making.

"Since Gilda's gift to cancer was permission to laugh, we wanted to pass that permission along to people in our community and beyond, through Gilda's LaughFest," Arkema said "We believe people in laughing together can lift the Something Gilda wrote, volunteers, ticket-buyers and human spirit in life, work for the health of it."

To learn more about additional tickets or about LaughFest, please visit

### FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES

11535 Fulton Street E, Lowell, Michigan

The FROM Thrift Shop -**Boutique - Furniture Store** will close at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24.

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We will remain closed on Thanksgiving Day and reopen at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, when the shop will be filled with Christmas items cards, decorations, fashions, etc. You won't believe the huge selection!

Shop Hours Are: Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. with special hours on Wednesdays in December when we will be open until 8:00 p.m.

Phone: 897-8260

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# Family gatherings, holiday shopping and Medicare prescription drug plans

When you think of the end of a year, you Prescription Drugplan might voluntary, and participants may imagine such things think of the end of the year pay an additional monthly as turkey dinners, family as a time for thinking about premium for the coverage. gatherings, or the start of the Medicare. The Medicare Some people with limited holiday shopping season.

However. entitled and current Medicare beneficiaries who are considering changes

to their Medicare Part D prescription drug plan is Part D Prescription Drug resources and income are newly Program Open Season this eligible for Extra Help to year runs from November pay for monthly premiums, 15 to December 31.

annual deductibles, and Joining a Medicare prescription co-payments.

counseling for fellow

students who knew Barnick

on Monday. Barnick was a

school of choice student in

as normal as possible," said

on Monday and Tuesday,

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They will be allowed to take

the exams as late as next

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## To qualify for this extra

Your resources must be limited to \$12,510 for individual or \$25,010 an a married couple for living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. We do not count your house and car as resources: and

· Your annual income must be limited to \$16,245 for an individual or \$21,855 age. for a married couple living together. Even if your annual income is higher, you still may be able to get some help. Some examples where your income may be higher are if you or your spouse:

• Support other family members who live with you; or

 Have earnings from work

To apply online for Extra Help, go to www. socialsecurity.gov/ extrahelp. You also can call 1-800-772-1213.

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.vantil@ssa.gov

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

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Varicose veins are larger • dilated veins visible in the lower extremities. They are caused by leaky valves which allow blood to pool in vessels and cause further dilation. This worsens with

For many people, these are usually only a cosmetic concern. Some people experience an achy or heavy feeling in their legs. Other symptoms include burning. throbbing, swelling, itching, or ulcerations.

Your risk of varicose veins increases with age. Women are also more likely to develop these due to hormonal changes and Obesity and pregnancy. standing for prolonged periods of time also increases your risk.

You can take measures to prevent or slow the development of varicose veins. These include:

### Ionia girl dies in a freak accident on M21

by Emma Palova

of Ionia, died in a freak accident when a deer hit by another car landed on top of the roof of her 2008 Town The two other occupants & Country Chrysler causing were treated for minor her to lose control and hit a injuries. Barnick was tree.

Police of Rockford are involved, according to the investigating the accident. The crash occurred on Sunday at approximately first struck the deer was 5:23 p.m. on M21 near identified as 37-year-old Sargent Road in Lowell Mihail Gheorghiu of Ada. Township.

Barnick suffered fatal injuries as a result of the assisted by the Lowell Fire crash. Three other occupants Department, of the car were transported Ambulance and by Rockford Ambulance to County Road Commission. Butterworth Hospital. These included Barnick's 14-year-

Barbara Barnick, 17, old brother, young niece Schools held grieving and nephew.

One occupant was stable but critical condition. wearing her seatbelt at the Troopers from the State time and no alcohol was state police.

The driver who He was not injured.

The state police was week Rockford Kent Saranac Community



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Exercise. Walking increases lower greatly extremity circulation. Weight loss and low

salt diets. Elevate your legs •

above the level of your heart several times per day. Avoid long periods of

sitting or standing. . Do not sit with your

legs crossed. Avoid high heels and do not wear tight clothes around your waist, legs, or

groin Compression stockings are usually the first treatment. If your condition is more severe, other treatments are:

- Sclerotherapy
- Laser surgery
- Vein stripping
- Catheter ablation
- Phlebectomy

Varicose veins during pregnancy typically will improve three months after delivery.

# to the editor

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### More ideas welcome on riverfront project

### Dear Editor.

The front page of last week's . Ledger featured an article regarding a plan to stabilize the west Flat riverbank and address the old Showboat Amphitheater area of the Riverwalk. The pictures included in the article were a few ideas that were previously presented but the City Council would like to hear any suggestions you may have that

concerning this project. On December 4 from 8 a.m. -10 a.m. there

will be a special "Coffee with Council" held at the Chamber office. This informal meeting is the first step in gathering as much input from the public as possible for this project. Step two is a formal design charette that will be held some time in January. This is another opportunity open to the public to share ideas for this project before a final plan is submitted.

Further plans are to apply for a grant in early spring to assist in funding the final project, so your are important. Please join master plan will allow the

us for one or both of these meetings. Thank you and hope to see you there.

> Sincerely, Sharon Ellison Mayor Pro Tem

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### City's real needs on back burner

### Dear Editor.

I would like to comment on the headline "Plans to improve west bank and amphitheater amended" in the Nov. 17 Lowell Ledger. It was noted in the article that the City Parks and Recreation commission has approved master plan amendments on both the east and west banks of the thoughts on this project Flat River. An amended

city to apply for grants from from the general fund or the DDA, then it should be the Michigan Department the DDA. It was noted in presented to the constituents of Natural Resources and for Environment to the improvements Showboat Amphitheater and to stabilize the west bank

It was mentioned in the article that the estimated the cost to improve amphitheater as \$700,000. than an expensive extension of the river walk and would be just another fruitless renture

I have no problem with the stabilizing of the west bank of the Flat River. from Main to Elm, other than the greatest share of the riverbank property seems to be privately owned and no funding should come

HROUGH THE LEDGERS By Shelly MacNaughton

### 125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal November 27, 1885

Wm. C. Mitchell, the veterinary surgeon, intends to leave town soon and Dr. E.W. Wells, of Grand Rapids, has made arrangements to visit Lowell every Wednesday afternoon.

Eddie Hine went this week to Franklin, N.Y. to attend school — The Delaware Literary Institute — there.

Men engaged in business on West Water Street hope a new street crossing will be laid there very soon.

### 100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger November 24, 1910

The following communication from Dr. Shumway, secretary of the State Board, explains itself. We want to say in relation to it, that we most fully endorse his recommendation in regard to universal vaccination.

O.C. McDannell, M.D., Lowell, Mich My dear Doctor:

Yes, Doctor, there are six cases of smallpox in Fowler, four in Bengal township and three scattering cases, I think, in one other township close by. There are some thirteen cases in that immediate vicinity and all of

the mild type. They are vaccinating very generally; all those places are under guarantine and I believe they are taking all the measures necessary to prevent the spread of the disease. But it would be well to vaccinate with valuable services. And organization - either a your population and I do not consider it necessary to offer any argument to the people of Lowell in favor of general vaccination. The experience you had two or three years ago is the best argument that you need. Very Truly Yours, F.W. Shumway, Secretary.

### 75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo November 21, 1935

John Laver, proprietor of the Standard Oil Station percent tax bracket. If you David Garfield, who lives near Fallasburg, found an (with a tax benefit of \$25)

on East Main St., has installed new pumps and rearranged the driveway so that it faces Main. St. American bald eagle stealing chickens from his farm when you file your taxes. last Monday and shot and killed the bird. Summoning the conservation office, John Kroll, he found that it was illegal to kill an eagle.

William VanVorst, local taxidermist, will mount the savings). bird for the conservation department and it will be given to the Wyoming Park School.

### 50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger Entry is missing from files

### 25 Years Ago **The Grand Valley Ledger** November 27, 1985

The Lowell Ledger welcomes your Letters to the Editor. Imagine, discovering you're \$50,000 richer while Letters are required to bear the author's signature, phone searching an instant lottery ticket in Eberhard's parking number and address (for verification purposes only, not for lot. That's exactly what Janice Krauss, of Key Heights publication). Letters will be published at the discretion of the publisher. All letters are subject to editing for length and Mobile Home Park, did on Thursday, November 14. grammar. Thank you letters, advertising or personal attacks Krauss purchased the winning lottery tickets, then will not be printed. scratched the covering from the numbers while in her Letters may be submitted via email to: ledger(a) lowellbuversguide.com ("to the Editor" in subject line)

car. She drove straight home, where her husband Duane confirmed the tickets as a winner. or dropped off or mailed to: The Lowell Ledger, 105 N. The good fortune came at a perfect time, as Duane Broadway, Lowell, MI 49331. Also, our website, www. recently was forced into an early disability retirement lowellbuyersguide.com has a link to submit emails on the because of a stroke. "This was a special treat for us," left side of the page. Janice said.

Write us online at...thelowelledger.com



the article that funding from major the DDA will be considered hearing. along with grant funding for these projects.

I believe before any grant funding is pursued they should exactly where the matching on the back burner. funds would come from and I see the renovation of the if they plan on using funds amphitheateras nothing more from the general fund or

in the form of a public

I cannot see using city tax dollars from the general fund or the DDA on these projects while the rest of the stipulate community's real needs sit

> Sincerely, Jim Howard Lowell

financial tocus Christopher C. Godbold

Charitable giving: A "win-win" activity

Thanksgiving is a good time to be thankful for those charitable. educational and religious groups that provide your community now may be a good time to religious group or a group consider supporting these groups because, if you contribute before the year is over, you may "do well by doing good" through valuable tax deductions.

To illustrate the benefit of these deductions, let's assume you're in the 25 give \$100 to a qualified charity, you can deduct \$100 Consequently, the real cost of your donation is just \$75 (\$100 minus the \$25 tax

charitable gifts, keep the following points in mind:

• You must donate - not just pledge. You can file your taxes for 2010. But make a pledge to donate, but the amount is not deductible until you actually pay it.

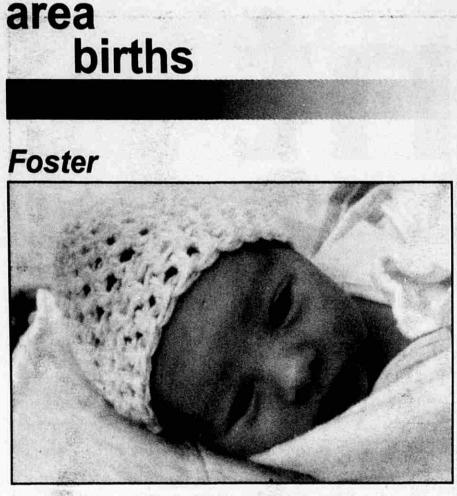
 You must contribute to a qualified charitable group. For your gift to be deductible, it must go to a qualified tax-exempt that has received 501(c) (3) status from the IRS. If you're unsure if the group you want to support is taxexempt, just ask.

You must itemize. claim a charitable То deduction, you must itemize deductions on your taxes.

Thus far, we've talked only about cash gifts. But you may have other financial assets, such as stocks, that you can give to charitable groups, and these gifts also can earn you tax benefits. For example, suppose you give \$500 worth of stock in XYZ As you consider your Company to a charitable group. If you're in the 25 percent tax bracket, you can deduct \$125 when you

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# Letters To The Editor:



**Ethan Matthew Foster** 

Ethan Matthew Foster was born October 6, 2010. in Grand Rapids, weighing 4 lbs. 15 oz., to proud parents Matthew and Carmen Foster of Lowell.

Grandparents are Kim

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Saranac.

Alma Foster of Greenville, Edith (Dolly) Bailey of Ionia and Victor and Joan and Cheryl Foster of Lowell, Osterberg of Lowell.

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Army National Guard Pvt. Ryan L. Barker has graduated from basic comba training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed Jim and Kate Datema of and unarmed combat, map Lowell and Kim Datema of reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice Great-grandparents are system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

> He is the son of Denise Hughes of Ionia and James Rodgers of Saranac.

Aaron Sterling earned the rank of Private First Class and graduated from basic training and AIT as an Infantryman at Fort Benning, GA in August. He is currently

serving with the National Guard in Virginia. He is also in the ROTC progarm at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA.

Sterling, the son of



**Aaron Sterling** 

James and Judy Sterling of Lowell, is an Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Troop #102 in Lowell and a 2007 home school graduate.

Marine Corps Pfc. Mark A. Ford, son of Joy and Dave Ford of Lowell, recently

graduated from the Basic Lejeune, NC.

Ford and fellow students received instruction subjects such as



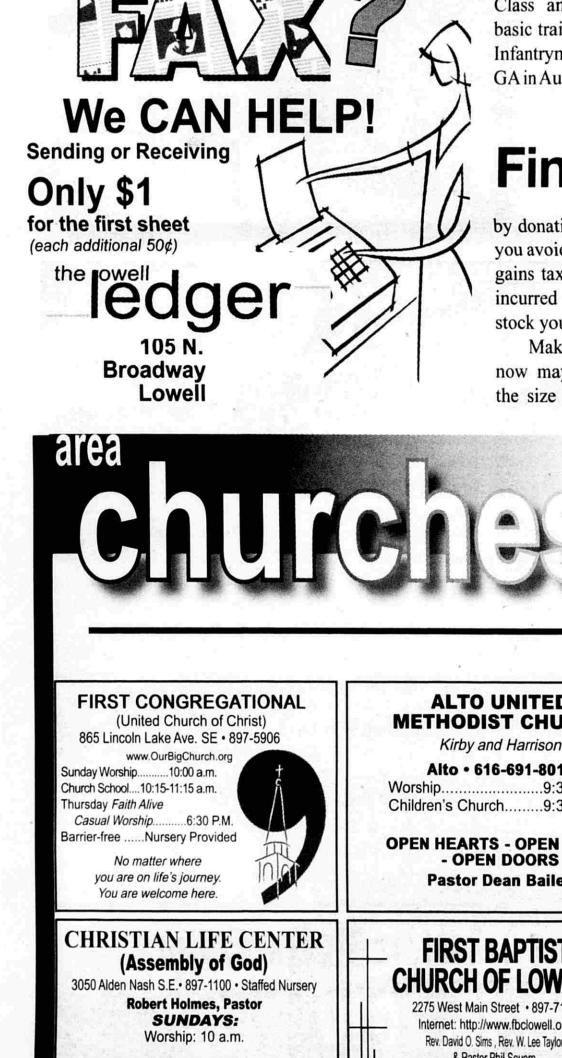
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Decker, Heather French.

**NOVEMBER 25** Pat Vezino, Melissa Peterson, Amv Swift. Hazel, Shawn Ayres Hewitt, Lorri Megan Myers.

### **NOVEMBER 26** John Erickson.

**NOVEMBER 27** Vezino. Bonnie Harding, Marty Chambers, Chad Uzarski,



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maintenance management. Water Support Technician plumbing, military water Course while assigned as supply and field sanitation. student at Marine Corps Upon completion of the Engineer School, Camp course, graduates are qualified to perform tasks

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Elizabeth Roudabush Heather Burrows, Aaron Rittersdorf, Josh Spencer. Aiden Malone.

**NOVEMBER 28** Shelly Hildenbrand Richmond, Lee Miller.

**NOVEMBER 29** Gail Thomet, Kelly

Sauber, Scott Swanson, Tara Propst, Ethan Pearson.

**NOVEMBER 30** Jason Craig, Todd Ryder, Joe Kiczenski, April McClure.

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# FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES

### **SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS**

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# Santa is making his way to Lowell

Kent County Youth Parade on Saturday, Dec. white); royal court member will make his grand Pictured with Santa are Reagan. entrance into Lowell Kent County Youth Fair at the Nighttime Santa queen Emma Roderick (in

Fair royal court members 4. Before the parade he will Jessica Miller; junior queen met with Santa last week enjoy the annual pancake Brittany Perry; junior in Grand Rapids. Santa supper at the fairgrounds. royal court member Tess

### Annual holiday show features new artists by Emma Palova

It's That Time

Of Year Again!

Christmas will soon be here!

Windows

Sidings

Metal Roofing

Gutters/Doors

& Holly features many new gifts, such as jewelry, pottery, new look and more sales artists. They will be selling a paintings, photography, fused for artists," said marketing

ornaments, crafty." candles and

located at 149 Hudson

"We hope

Submit entries to:

**ALL-WEATHER SEAL** 

**CHRISTMAS** 

**GIVEAWAY** 

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email: kaitlin@awswest.com

This year's Sleigh Bells wide variety of fine arts and this year's show brings a glass, textiles, assistant Elaine Hommowun handmade "We're trying to be more o 1 1 s, gallery-like rather than

> Among the new artists sweaters; Art and woodcarving, are Sarah Cash with silver Marcia Perkins with The show jewelry; Anne Curtis, who runs through does wood boards and and Tina Greene Dec. 23 from spoons; Cindy Hanson with with Kissing Rock Tuesday soaps; Jennifer McMyler Kitchens' special through with digital artwork; Tracey food treats such as Saturday, Pepper with painting on breads and assorted 10 a.m. to 6 glass; Gail VanSledright biscotti. p.m., at the with fused glass; Debbie Lowell Area Walker with watercolor than 30 Arts Council and sweatshirts; Megan participating.

remade mittens from products;

There are more

Bells & Holly show and a glass and jewelry exhibit.

We would like

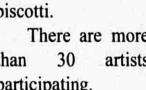
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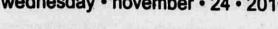
family in need

Stubbs with pottery: Virginia Tyler with leather



There are fine ornaments at the Sleigh







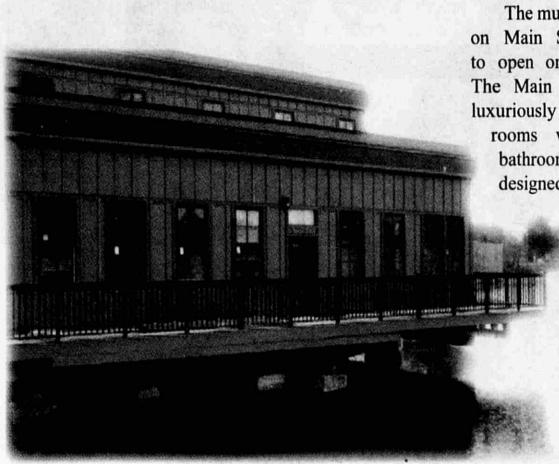
**ALL-WEATHER SEAL** is searching for a local family whose home needs to stop the winter air from sneaking in.

ENTRY DEADLINE -DECEMBER 15, 2010

**Please submit your** nominations with an explanation of why that family deserves this special gift this holiday season.

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# New hotel slated to open on Main Street



by Emma Palova The much awaited hotel on Main Street is slated to open on Thanksgiving. The Main Street Inn has appointed rooms with individual bathrooms, all tastefully designed and decorated. The colors walls in the rooms soft paste from ranging orange to blue. main The stairway to the second level is painted in yellow.

Additional features gathering nclude a room on the second level, overlooking the Flat River with a balcony, and a view of the newly installed sculpture of the Lowell • Troll. There is a conference **U** room on the main floor next

The marvelous scenery of the river on one side and Main Street with King Milling on the other side is unbeatable.

"We want to keep people in town who would stay in Grand Rapids," said proprietor Greg Canfield

"It's an upscale resort destination, a simple elegant place to stay."

It is worth the walk from the municipal parking lots or on street parking.

Canfield restored the building to its original beauty

Throughout its history, the building was made into three and often occupied by local merchants, such as Fashionista and Reedy Realty, as well as Flat River Cottage.

The city wanted to demolish the buildings that were sitting on the northwest side of the bridge, prior to last year's downtown bridge replacement project, due to structural instability.

Canfield purchased matched buildings funds from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The inn has seven rooms with the majority of the rooms under \$100. To rent the entire inn costs \$995.

The Canfields hope to Gerst funeral home.

a modern shape,\ where he at \$125. has his plumbing business







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# **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

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Red Arrow

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However, Greg and on the east end of town. He remodeled the building in 2002.

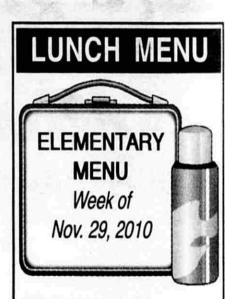
> With Main Street Inn in was a little trickier, since the building sits on I-beams on water

"I have twice as much into it, as I had anticipated." he said

There is a total of seven draw from a wide clientele rooms: five overlook the ranging from Grand Volute's Flat River and two overlook wedding guests to the Roth- downtown Main Street. The exterior of the building is Greg Canfield is not a painted in nice green and newcomer to renovation. red colors, and restaurants He restored the original and shopping are within three-story hotel from walking distance. The most 1800s, the Davis House, to expensive rooms are priced



Main Street Inn ready to open.



MON: No School.

TUES: Hamburger on bun (quesadilla w/salsa also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), oven baked French fries, pears, milk.

WED: Baked chicken nuggets (salisbury steak also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes/ butter, peaches, whea dinner roll, milk.

THURS: Pizza dippers w/ marinara dipping sauce (3 meat sub also offered a Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad w/romaine, pineapple, milk

FRI: Grilled cheese sandwich (Rib BQ on bun also offered at Alto Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tomato soup fresh crackers. carrots, applesauce, milk.



by Thad Kraus

Ford Field Friday to defend erase a 14-point half-time its 2009 Division 2 state championship following the lead (28-27). Red Arrows 35-21 semifinal win over Walled Lake Central on Saturday.

"It's great. These kids (seniors) deserve it," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean. "They've been hurt a little bit over the years, but they have taken risks, and have trusted the program. They have stayed together. worked together and have shown a willingness to compete in tough times.

Lowell has needed the ability to battle back from second-half adversity in three of its four playoff different. games to advance to the title game.

After leading the entire game Lowell fell behind Grand Ledge in the fourth

Lowell will return to quarter. It saw Muskegon deficit to take a second-half

- FOOTBALL PONRES

Walled Lake Central erased a 13-0 half-time deficit to take a 14-13 thirdquarter lead before Lowell rallied for the win.

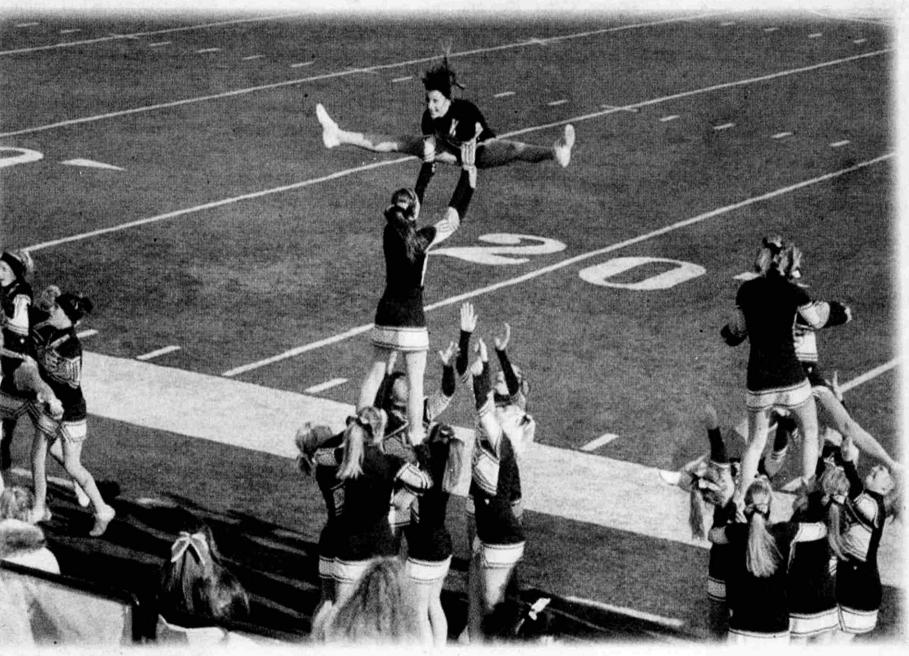
"Ball control nothing if you don't finish, Dean explains. "Against Muskegon and Walled Lake we had an opportunity to make it a three possession game in the first half but were unable to finish drives."

What the Red Arrows have done is responded after losing leads

Saturday was

After the Vikings forced a Lowell three-and-out.

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plenty to cheer about.



Coach Dean talks to the team during a first-half time out during Sat-Picture courtesy Michele DeHaan urday's game.

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will be in place at the following locations beginning Fri., Nov. 19: Brenda's Hair Design, Curves, Dollar General, Fifth Third Bank, Grand River Veterinary Hospital, Rite Aid, Showboat Automotive, Springrove Variety and Walgreens.

Will be in place at the following locations: First Bank, Ella's Coffee Shop, Huntington Bank, Huntington Bank (branch) and Englehardt Public Library.

If we can be of assistance to your family with food and/or toys, please come to the Food Pantry to sign up.

Two first-half touchdowns and a strong defensive effort gave Lowell Picture courtesy Michele DeHaan



# **FROM CHRISTMAS BOX DONATIONS**

Flat River Outreach Ministries will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and gifts through December 16, 2010



### **TOY BOXES OR BARRELS**

### ANGEL TREES

### FOODS, TOYS & MONETARY DONATIONS can be dropped off at the FROM Food Pantry, 11535 Fulton St. E., on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 15 and 16,

between 10 am & 4 pm. Food and toys will be distributed on Saturday, Dec. 18 from 9 am to 2 pm.

REMEMBER

This program is for members of our community.

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# On to state, continued

- FOOTBALL SPORTS

Red Arrow

Walled Lake's Eric Moss the Lowell six-yard line. blocked a Lowell punt, which was recovered by put the first crooked number Central's Steven Worley at on the board for the Vikings

Senior Chris Koziara run.

Min

Leighton Watson's 14-yard touchdown run gave Lowell some fourth-quarter breathing Pictures courtesy Perry Beachum room.

on a one-yard touchdown

Walled Lake's defense then held Lowell on downs. Moments later it scored a goahead (14-13) touchdown on a 44-yard touchdown run by Chris Koziara.

"We just told them at half-time that what we were doing in the first half isn't getting it done," said Central coach Bob Meyer. "The only option was to work harder and correct mistakes and that's what (we) did."

The defending state responded champions mmediately as Dean connected with Jacob Meyer on a 64-yard touchdown reception, giving Lowell a lead it would not relinquish. A pass from Gabe Dean to Matt Houston on the twopoint conversion made it 21-14 Red Arrows.

Fourth-quarter touchdown runs by Leighton Watson (14-yards) and Dean (one yard) extended Lowell's lead to 35-14.

"Big plays and missed assignments cost us. You can't get away with that two touchdowns.

against a team as good as Lowell," Meyer said. Watson led all running

backs with 144 yards and on the ground. Dean added 82 while

throwing for 143 yards and

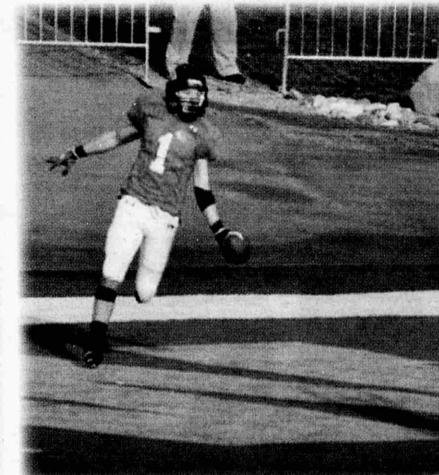
Meyer was the leading receiver

three receptions for 117 yards and touchdown. He also had a first-quarter interception which led to the air.

Lowell's Jacob Meyer pulls down one of three passes in Lowell's 35-



Red Arrow Jake Stehley (#54) hits Central quarterback Zach Leimbach from behind as he readies to release the ball. Pictures courtesy Perry Beachum



21 win over Walled Lake Central.



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Lowell's first touchdown on

Houston.

air.

a 17-yard pass from Dean to

it 13-0 in the second quarter

came with roughly a minute

on a one-yard run by Dean.

The Red Arrows made

The Vikings final score

Lowell amassed 220 on

the ground and 143 through

Ford Field facts for Friday's Div. 2 Football final

SPORTS

Tickets for the Division school athletic office from 9 purchased at Ford Field program is asking that all 2 state finals football game a.m. until 3 p.m. at Ford Field between Lowell and Farmington the purchase of the ticket Hills Harrison went on sale Monday and Tuesday. cents for each ticket sold. Tickets will also be sold on Wednesday at the high

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Tickets are \$10. With at LHS, Lowell receives 50

Tickets may also be

and-out privileges. The Lowell football

Who Do I Love?

In Division 8 Mount (13-0) plays Orchard Pleasant Sacred Heart (12-1) Lake St. Mary (11-2). The takes on Saugatuck (10-3). Pioneers go for five in a row My heart will be tugging for and I Love Orchard Lake the Indians. Not a good way to pick, but I don't care. I

Love Saugatuck In Division 7 its Lake Orion (12-1). I Love Ishpeming (12-0) battling

Hudson (13-0). I Love Hudson. In Division 6 Ithaca will Hills Harrison (13-0). Many take on Monroe St. Mary's believe the Hawks may be Catholic Central. I gotta the best team in the state,

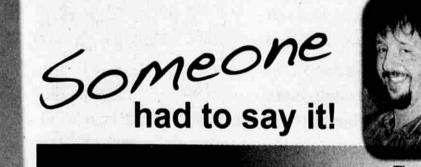
Love the Falcons (that's St. forget the divisions, but ] Mary's) In Division 5 West

Catholic (12-1) will battle Thad's Top 10 Olivet (11-2). I'm sticking with the 2. Rockford

Falcons, they bring a title 3. Lowell back to West Michigan. I Love West Catholic. In Division 4 Catholic 6. West Catholic

Central (11-2) will play 7. Catholic Central Williamston (12-1). The Cougars beat my Eddies so I 9. Grand Haven Love Catholic Central.

Gate A and Gate G windows Lowell fans wear any of for \$10. Tickets are good their Pink Arrow Force for all four games played on t-shirts or purchase a new Friday, but there are no in- pink finals shirt at Pep Talk. The price is \$10 for one or two for \$15.



Hills

Thad Krau

"They love playing

Harrison football players the game. They work hard

a name (a school on its a club that runs a mid line/ schedule).

'Lowell.'

Lowell is the defending state explained the Hawk coach. champion," said Farmington "I have great respect for Hills coach John Herrington, what Noel has done in who will finish up his 49th Lowell. With the Pink year of coaching on Friday.

championship game will be Herrington's 17th. He has football." won 12 state championships. Herrington doesn't believe for a second that 13 is unlucky.

a laugh. This year's Hawk squad along with being left to be played this Friday

with kitchen

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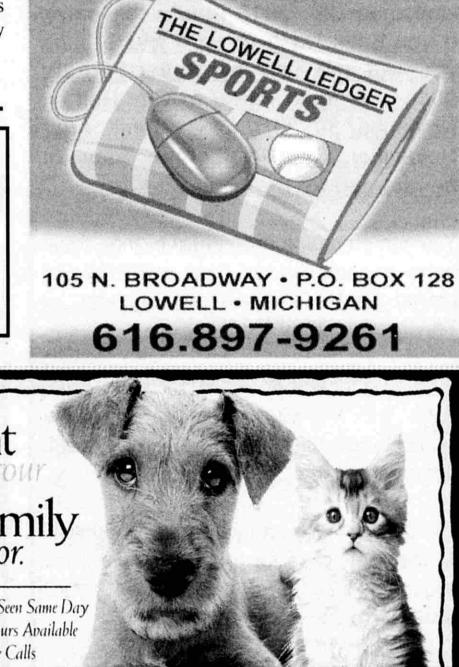
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summer workout Herrington explained. Farmington Hills and

veer offense. "Lowell is different in that it pounds it in behind "Who else could it be? a strong offensive line," Arrow game and the Fraser Friday's trip to the Reading program it's been about more to him than just

I went 11-5 through last week's 16 semifinal football games, improving "Not at all," he says with my overall record to 92-34

There are eight games



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this time.

Plymouth (11-2) against Plymouth.

(11-2) battles Farmington gotta Love the Red Arrows!

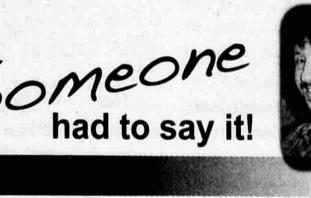
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- 8. West Ottawa
- 10. Greenville

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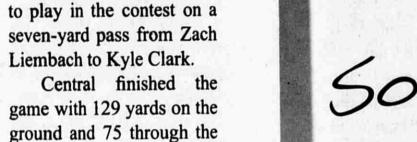
tackled Sorrows Hill during and they play unselfishly," their sessions. After each repetition Harrison played players would shout out defeated Rochester Adams.

With the 14th rep came

focused.



Pictures courtesy Michele DeHaan





Farmington

In Division 3, EGR

In Division 1 it's

In Division 2 Lowell

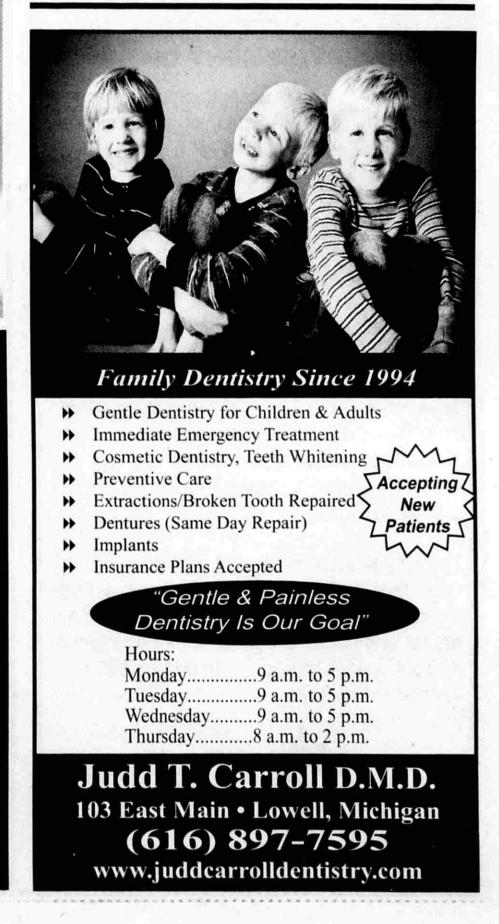
FORD FIELD CHECKLIST:

- Fans must sit in end zone seating areas while waiting for their game to start.
- No confetti or paper pompons on sticks will be permitted.
- 3. No bottles, food, coolers, jugs, and etc. will be permitted. Personal items will be checked for bottles.
- 4. Violators of good conduct will be removed from the facility.
- . Video cameras and film cameras are allowed. but they must be battery powered and handheld and may not have a professional lens. Tripods are not allowed.
- 6. No grills or alcohol are allowed in parking lots.
- . New security
- **ARROW FORCE CHARTER:**
- The Touchdown Club is sponsoring a charter bus to Ford Field.
- The bus will leave Red Arrow Stadium at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$15 per adult (this does not include a game ticket). The charter bus will take the first 47 people who sign up.
- To reserve a seat call Donna at 340-3025 or a reservation can be made when purchasing a t-shirt.

**GETTING TO FORD FIELD:** 

Take I-96 to I-275 South (to continue on I-96 East). Take I-96 East to I-75 North (Fisher Freeway) and exit Gratiot Ave. South. Sharp right turn on Gratiot. Continue on Gratiot and Ford Field will be on the right.





# obituaries

### SEESE

Calvin Keith Seese, age 79, of Alto, passed away Monday, November 15, 2010. He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis (Roxie) Seese; sister,

Treva (Carl) Fox: and brother. Harold Seese. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Fern (Nee Rowley): daughters, Amy Seese, Cathy (Greg) Corliss; son, Paul Seese; grandchildren. Cassandra Tuttle, Dylan. Dalton. Drake and Dominic Seese: and sisterin-law, Judy Seese. He served in the Army from 1954-



1956 and was honored by the Clarksville Steam and Gas Association as farmer of the year in 1999. Cal will be



remembered as a loving husband father grandfather. farmer friend, and neighbor Funera services held were Saturday Hope Church the Brethren

Pastor Douglas Reichenbach officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 811 W. Evergreen Ave, Ste 303, Chicago, IL 60642.

# **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** 

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** 

FILE NO. 10-189416-DE

Estate of GLADYS H. SPANGLER. Date of birth:

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE то The decedent, GLADYS H. SPANGLER, who lived at 1161 Dorrell NE. Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 616-897-6632 11/04/2010.

the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate



John D. Flynn (P27413) Ada, MI 49301

the date of publication

of this notice.

Dianne Y. Kokot 8218 Greenridge Dr. Jenison, MI 49428 616-457-4916



West Michigan has of scheduled an information Thursday. session on December 2 and Tuesday. prospective tutors. This session is held hour. It allows persons interested in becoming Second Language (ESL). 11/12/2010 volunteer tutors to find out more about the Center and its literacy programs. At ESL. **1275 Hawthorne Hills SE** the end of the session, there sign up for tutor training.

> our community. Based on (ext. 10) to register. 1990 census figures, at





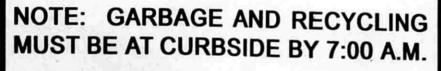
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waste bags with City of Lowell printed in black, they must be used by Friday, November 26, 2010 (this week only). If you have trash or yard waste bags you will not use by November 26, 2010, you must return to City Hall by November 30, 2010 for a refund. After November 30, 2010, the bags may not be returned for a refund.

You can purchase individual orange trash bags or yard waste bags with City of Lowell printed in black at City Hall or Springrove Variety.

Starting December 2, 2010 your trash bags will be blue. These are now available for purchase at Lowell City Hall, Springrove Variety and Meijers.

The cost of trash and yard waste bags will be the same, \$15 for a bundle of 10 trash bags and \$20 for a bundle of 10 yard waste bags.



If there are any

questions, please

call City Hall

(897-8457).



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# lend a hand

ing opportunities

### tutors needed

The Literacy Center least 19,000 adults in Kent County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well. December 7, 2010 for By training people to be volunteer tutors, the Center can offer one-on-one reading help to at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a You do not need to speak another language to tutor

The information will be an opportunity to session will be held at the Literacy Center of West The Literacy Center of Michigan located at 1120 W. Michigan is a nonprofit. Monroe Ave., NW, Suite United Way agency devoted 240, Grand Rapids, MI. to reducing illiteracy in Please call us at 459-5151

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> **CITY OF** LOWELL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY NOTICE

Lowell City Hall, Department of Public Works, Police Office and Light and Power will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26, 2010 in

City of Lowell residents who use orange refuse bags will have their refuse and yard waste picked up on Friday due to the

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office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Fri. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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### for sale

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

WHIRLPOOL - washing machine & electric dryer, excellent condition, used less than 6 months, \$400/ set. 616-642-6271.

'96 GMC 1500 CLUB CAB - 2WD, 5.0L, auto well maintained, w/cap 210,000 miles. \$2,500 obo 616-299-1863.

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.

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

### lost

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

STILLMISSING-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 yellow round eyes. Age 2 1/2. VANISHED on 10/28/09 from Ryan Ridge/ Alden Nash area, near Twp. offices. ANY INFO please call 897-8385.

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### for rent

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MOBILE HOME LOT - near Deer Run Golf Course. \$300 per month includes trash removal, storage water & sewer. 989-732-2136

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash, Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private great location & great rate! www.vfw8303.org. Cal John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.TFN

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

### help wanted

ing for career positions with or 616-974-4250.

HELPWANTED - Part-time for farm & vard work. Call 616-437-1526.

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6TH ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW & HOME BUSI NESS EXPO at Impact Church, Sat., Dec. 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1069 N. Hudson

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### card of thanks

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the Golf Benefit for our son, Bill, to help purchase a memorial stone. A special thanks to Mary Nead and family, Birchwood Golf Course, Angle and all who participated for their effort and work to make this outing a big success for Bill. There were 100 golfers and 35 companies and individuals who sponsored holes. Thank you all for your time and donations. It was a very successful event which raised enough money to purchase the memorial stone.

> Red & Fawn Shepard; Don & Lori Shepard: Ken & Nicole Bieri; Melissa Shepard

### A BIG THANK YOU

to all for making my 90th birthday such a happy occasion. My open house, the pretty gifts, the many beautiful birthday cards, my luncheon, my dinners, made it a memorable time.

Love to all,

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. f 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 & place it as a classified ad. We will not run ANY Garage or Rummage Sales as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersquide. com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

COATS FOR KIDS & VETS DRIVE RUNS THROUGH DEC. Donate your coat(s) at Lowell Area Chamber or at Curtis Cleaners locations. All coats collected will be donated to Flat River Ministries. Mel Trotter and Health Care for Homeless veterans.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES SIGN UP - At the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. Sat., Dec. 4, 10 a.m. - noon. You may also order online using your debit or credit card. Go to www. angelfoodministries.com. Call Esther with any questions, 897-

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

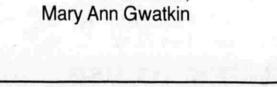
NICOTINE ANONYMOUS Every Monday 7-9 p.m. at Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. For info call Thomas at 691-1147. Nicotine Anonymous is a fellowship of men & women helping each other to live free of nicotine. There are no dues or fees.

### services

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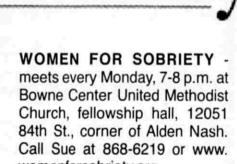


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NEEDLERS - Second & fourth City Hall. Monday evenings, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Schneider Manor Community Room.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE - third Monday at 7:30 p.m. for business

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

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post. V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the

first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E. LOWELLSHOWBOATGARDEN CLUB - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington

St. at 6:30 p.m. BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Randy Jesberg at 897-4569 or Del Rockwell at

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WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - CUB SCOUT PACK 3188 - meets Bowne Center United Methodist First United Methodist Church. 621 E. Main.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTS- MAN'S CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdavs at 8 p. m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.gua-CALSOCIETY-meets the second ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

> LOWELL LIONS CLUB - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell

COFFEE BREAK/LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Sept. - May. Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. No church membership or experience required. Bring preschoolers for Story Hour & Craft. Free nursery for younger children. There's an evening class on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. No children's class. Calvary Christian Reformed Church, M-21 across from Burger King. 897-7060.

A.D.D./A.D.H.D ISSUES GROUP meets every third Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at E. Beltline). Call Linda at 874-5662.

THE EAST KENT COUNTY **REPUBLICANS (EKCR)** - meets the second Saturday of the month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce (113 Riverwalk Plaza) from 8:30 to 10 a.m. to discuss current events on the local, state & national levels. Bring your concerns & issues to our meetng for open discussion! Share nformation about what you can do to become involved! For more information, please call Dave Emmette, 644-0759 or Nancy Steckler, 897-6380.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINIS-TRIES THRIFT STORE - is open Wed. - Fri., 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260, Food Pantry 897-8260, Emergency Services, 897-8260.

ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 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 1 - 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.

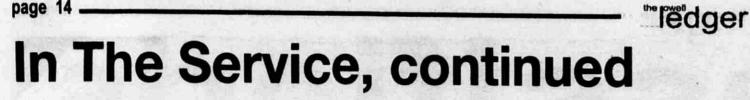
> ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS - Mon.-Wed., noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 a.m - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 647-3920.

> 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. or call 897-8545.

> 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 free, 897-7688.

CODES, SECRETS & AD-**VENTURE: 39 CLUES PARTY**  Uncover secrets, solve codes & mysteries & enjoy activities related to the popular book series 39 Clues! Registration required & participation is limited. For ages 6 & up. Alto Branch Library, Sat., Nov. 6, 10:30 a.m.

TOTS PLAYGROUPS - Birth- 5 years. 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.



training

expected of a basic water support technician.

of Lowell High School and joined the Marine Corps in January 2010.

Ryan S. Mayhew, son of Jane seamanship skills, physical A. and Gregory S. Mayhew fitness, health and wellness, of the work-life balance. of Ada, recently graduated first aid, fire fighting and from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, NJ.

of the Great Lakes Annual

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safety and survival, military women train together from instruction on the Coast Ada. the first day in the Coast

rights training, and the basics Coast Guard's workforce.

During the eight-week Guard just as they will Guard's Core Values -training program, Mayhew work together aboard ships Honor, Respect and Devotion Ford is a 2009 graduate completed a vigorous and shore units throughout to Duty -- and how to apply curriculum the world. To reinforce the them in their military consisting of academics and team concept, all recruits performance and personal practical instruction on water are trained in preventing conduct. Mayhew will sexual harassment, drug join 36,000 other men and Coast Guard Seaman customs and courtesies, and alcohol awareness, civil women who comprise the

Mayhew is a 2010 Mayhew and other graduate of Forest Hills marksmanship. Men and recruits also received Eastern High School of

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and our water resources. "All across Michigan, there The report demonstrates are countless unsung heroes

that great strides have been working daily in professional

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agreement with support from to restore the Great Lakes

business, environmental and and protect our waters,"

conservation groups. These DeBeaussaert said. The State

efforts include development of the Great Lakes Annual

and implementation of new Report is prepared by the

water withdrawal laws, Office of the Great Lakes.

aggressively working to Visit www.michigan.gov/

collaborations

DeBeaussaert,



**NOVEMBER 17 - NOVEMBER 23** On Friday morning, appearing on MSNBC's Morning Joe, vice president Joe Biden described 2014 as the "drop dead date" for "transitioning" power to Afghan authorities.

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Thank you Coach Dave Dean and your crew of wrestlers and football players for supporting LAAC. The work was greatly appreciated. We were impressed with how courteous and hardworking the guys were. People like you make this a great community.

Every year the news reports that Kent County has the highest rate of deer/car accidents. Two this week, one fatal. Maybe Kent County could have an extra hunting session.

Build a new riverfront amphitheater ...... 12% Finish repaying the **Filling vacant store Remove ridiculous** from the last spot at



**Report Highlights Michigan's Successful Strides Toward Protection, Restoration** Governor Jennifer M. Michigan will continue to be the Great Lakes Regional of invasive species such Granholm today announced a destination for commerce Collaboration Strategy and as the Asian carp, and the release of the 2010 State and recreation." the MI-Great Lakes Plan. building strong partnerships

The 2010 annual report Over \$80 million has been and Report which highlights the focuses on on-the-ground awarded to-date under the through development and many successful efforts to efforts to protect and restore 2010 Great Lakes Restoration implementation of regional Michigan and Superior. ensure that the Great Lakes enabling Michigan to make bipartisan basis in reclaiming importance of federal, state remain great. With a healthy tremendous advancement Michigan's historic role as and local partnerships in Great Lakes ecosystem, toward implementation of protector of the Great Lakes advancing restoration efforts.

### protect and restore Michigan's the four lakes that border Initiative for more than 140 and state strategies for most valuable resource - the Michigan: Lakes Erie, Huron, projects across the state. In her 2004 Special efforts. "This report details Funding from the new federal Message to the Legislature the progress we've made in Great Lakes Restoration on Water, the governor laid director of the Department protecting the Great Lakes," Initiative and other programs, out a broad agenda and called of Natural Resources and Granholm said. "We have such as the Michigan Coastal for the legislature to work Environment's Office of the to be eternally vigilant to Management Program, are with the administration on a Great Lakes, stressed the

# LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP **PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC** HEARING

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider a request from Doug and Arlin Maas to rezone the following described property from R-3, High Density Residential to C, General Commercial.

LOCATION & ADDRESS: The property (PP # 41-20-04-378-013) is located at 1845 Birmingham Road SE which is the northwest corner of M-21 (East Fulton Street) and Birmingham Road. The property consists of 5.36 acres.

The hearing will be held as follows:

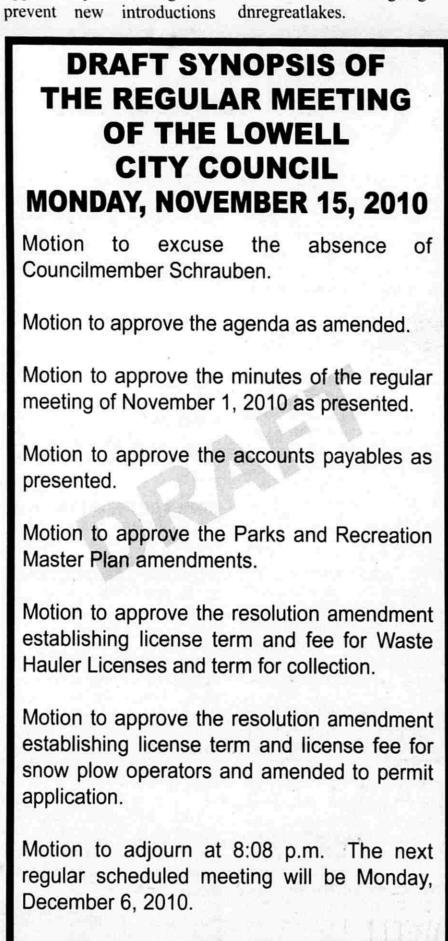
WHEN: MON., DECEMBER 13, 2010

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL 2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE LOWELL, MI 49331

Information on the proposed request is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI. 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

> Tim Clements, Secretary Lowell Charter Township **Planning Commission**



Complete minutes will be available after approved on December 6, 2010 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock

City Clerk

Lowell



Pakistan has rejected a U.S. request to stage drone attacks in Quetta and other tribal areas near the Afghan border, Pakistani military

Los Angeles - A young boy fell to his death from a luxury suite at the Los Angeles Lakers Staples Center on Sunday night.

The U.S. military launched what is billed as it's largest ever spy satellite on Sunday. "This mission helps to ensure that vital National Reconnaissance Office resources will continue to bolster our national defense," said Gen. Ed

It is predicted that the wild tiger may become extinct in 12 years if their habitat isn't protected and poaching isn't stopped in their native

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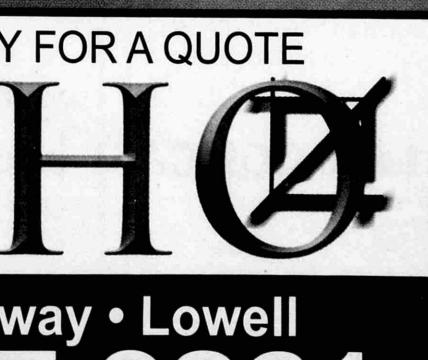


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