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Vergennes Township to seek legal advice on proposal for broadband wireless Internet project

by Emma Palova

The Vergennes Township Board will seek legal counsel on an exploratory proposal for high-speed broadband wireless Internet from resident Ryan Peel.

Peel, an application development supervisor Hastings Mutual Insurance Company, gave a comprehensive presentation in a township where a lot of geographic areas still do not have wireless Internet.

"It's an innovative idea that combines a need with a cause," said Peel about the project concept.

The entire concept is based on a nonprofit cooperative structure, in in or out of the township and partnership with Vergennes Township, that would be self-sustainable.

on a quest for access to broadband wireless Internet for the last two to three years.

The last survey showed that the majority of residents would like uninterrupted wireless.

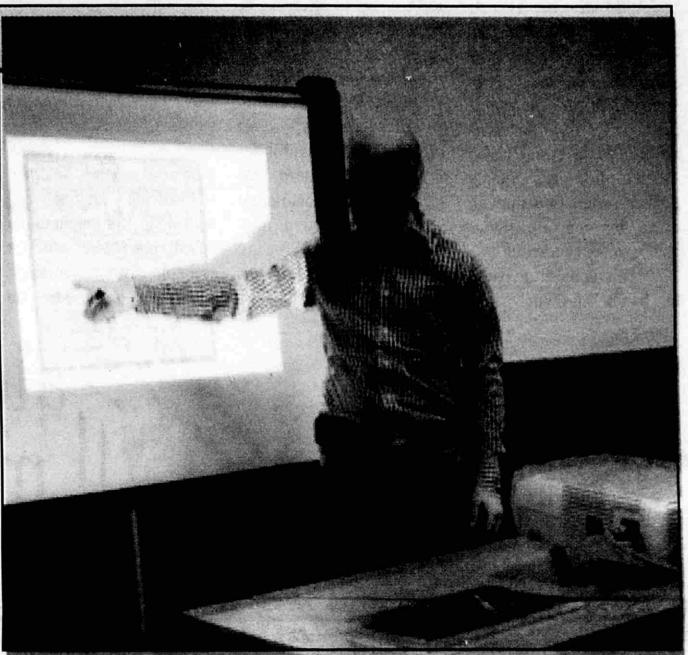
Some residents, like Heather Hoffman, live only about a mile from the Lowell High School and cannot get wireless coverage. It took Hoffman eight years and 65 manhours on the phone to finally get coverage from AT&T. Hoffman has documented her pursuit.

Most giant companies like AT&T or Comcast will not provide wireless in the township due to low density of population, thus risky profits.

The lack of wireless also affects people moving could potentially decrease the property values.

Peel proposed The township has been WiMAX coverage based off two new tower locations, on

> Wireless Internet, continued, page 2



Ryan Peel, Vergennes Township resident, gives presentation on broadband wireless network project.

Rails to trails group discusses connectivity, trailheads, names

by Emma Palova

The River Valley rail to trail group took on a variety of issues, pertaining to the trail network running along the Grand River and Flat River, last Thursday.

Lowell is fortunate to nestle right in the heart of three distinct trail systems: Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA) trails, North Country Trail Association (NCTA) and the River Valley trails. The rails to trails between Lowell and Greenville, and Lowell

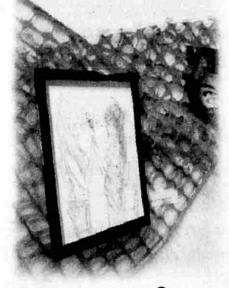


Lowell may have two trailheads where the two trails end. One is on Foreman, by Metric Manufacturing, north of town.

and Ionia will become a part of a 125-mile long trail network, the fifth largest in the country.

All three trail groups have been trying to work together to iron out connectivity between the trails. Currently, there are a few disconnects: one is north of Greenville and the other is approximately 1.5 miles long between Foreman and Grand River Avenue. This means Lowell will have at

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Jim Horman of Design Plus explains design concepts for the amphitheatre

Residents and city leaders participate in design charrette

by Emma Palova

Plus Design conjunction with the city of Lowell held a charrette at the Main Street Inn, last Thursday, for the upgrade of the Riverwalk by the amphitheatre and the west bank of the Flat River.

approximately 70 to 80

people, both city leaders and residents from the city and the surrounding townships. It was moderated by landscape architects and owners of Design Plus, Peter Lazdins and Jim Horman.

Horman said people The session drew in expressed utilitarian needs

> Design charrette, continued, page 3

Wireless Internet, continued

possibly on a parcel owned by the township by the Lowell City Airport.

to Peel, provide 90 percent faster than a T1 line. The The nonprofit structure plus coverage "To have the community behind an idea is some more powerful than any financial model."

cover. "The penetrate only so much," towers would be 89 feet

Peel said. "The towers can and 109 feet high. Tower 2. another." standard. It is licensed spectrum frequency by FCC Lake. shielded from interference from cell phones and garage openers. Six antennas

adding more bandwidth. "This is more prepared model where all the profit technology preparedness. to handle growth," said is re-invested back into the

are placed in a star called

special diversity creating

greater penetration through

technology."

encrypted offered at a lower price due transmission is to the cooperative structure," This would, according approximately 33 percent said Peel.

Peel proposed the

on Beckwith, would handle Endowment denser population on the partnership WiMAX is a new north side of Burroughs, township. In turn, Beckwith and along Lincoln money earned from WiMAX wireless could "I am not set on tower invested into a Technology Advantage Foundation for

locations," Peel said. students, for scholarships, The conceptual project explores the possibilities for innovative school turning a need for programs via Internet. wireless into a community to provide funding and trees. This set up also allows benefit. Peel used a nonleadership for community

profit cooperative structure based initiatives and for

40 percent for operation attracting or retaining the use subscription fees can be expenses, 40 percent for the of new and differentiating Internet. foundation and 20 percent for technology preparedness.

There would definitely does not want to be be a big impact on the Lowell the business of providing Area Schools, according to wireless service, the liability

technology.

endowment fund.

Since the township

would be transferred to

"Can the township

support being a fiscal

sponsor for an application

for a grant funding?" asked

Peel. "Does the township

like the competitive nature

of this project, becoming

enterprise? Can the board

that remained for the legal

By having the township the cooperative after the involved as a nonprofit funds are obtained from the governing board over the cooperative, there would be more political accountability limiting inefficient service.

"Profit models are too risky," said Peel. "Private partnerships may speed up the deployment of a competitor to private

Also, according to provide advisement or grant Peel, municipal provision more cost effective than traditional wire line technologies because of tax exempt status.

But, Peel said, "To have The availability of wireless service may produce the community behind an idea is more powerful than any financial model."

> "You've done some tremendous thinking to get high-speed Internet," said supervisor Tim Wittenbach.

And although it was the consensus of the board not want to be in the highspeed Internet business, the fund.

Vergennes and Beckwith, or Peel. "It's the latest wireless organization. "Monthly following split of revenues: positive externalities, such as members were in sync about helping the township get

"It's become obvious that the business model does not fit our township," said clerk Mari Stone.

The estimated cost per household would run from \$39 to \$59 on the high end.

"It's whatever the model can bear because it's a nonprofit model," said

Many residents voiced their concerns about not being able to work out of homes because of the lack of high-speed Internet. Some jobs even require having access to broadband.

"It will affect our home values," said Stone. "To me, that seems logical that the township would take the lead. We should be contacting our attorney."

The number one question at hand is whether the township can be a part of

"We're going to incur some pretty serious costs," said Wittenbach. The estimated cost of

the project is \$60,000 to \$80,000. It has not been determined how much would come out of the endowment

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Help offset the cost of fifth grade camp on Sat., Jan. spaghetti dinner and silent auction. Menu is spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, applesauce, and drink. Cost is \$6 adults, \$4 (6-12 years) and free for five and under.

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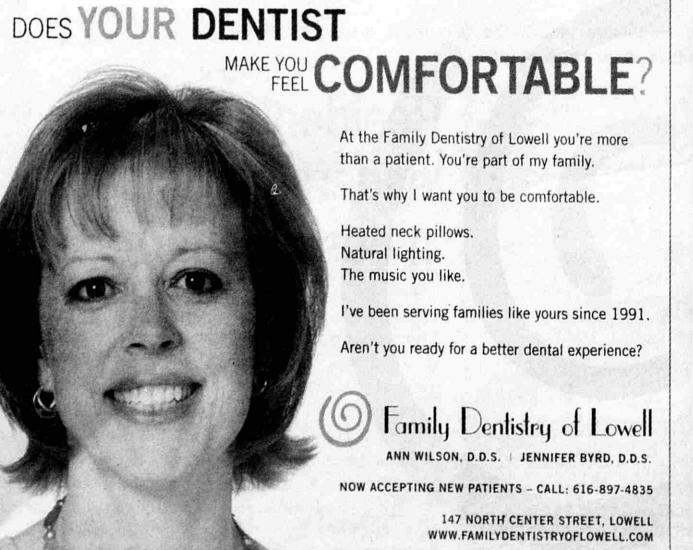
Mon., Jan. 24, 3-8 p.m. at Vergennes United Methodist 22 from 5-7:30 p.m. at Murray Lake Elementary with a Church located at Bailey Dr. NE and Parnell. The public is welcome. Appointments are encouraged, but not necessary. Call 897-6141 for appointments.

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The Friends of Englehardt Library will sponsor a used book sale for adults and children, Fri., Jan. 28, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sat., Jan. 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Mon., Jan. 31, 12-5 p.m., we will hold our Bag of Books sale, purchase a bag for \$4. All proceeds go to library programming.

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Hildenbrand takes oath of office



Senator R-Lowell, took part in Wednesday's Justice Robert P. Young, Jr. administering the oath of

Hildenbrand was joined on the senate floor by his SenDHildenbrand@ wife Sarah, daughter Jane senate.michigan.gov and other members of his

lawmaker also announced that his Lansing office is Hildenbrand by calling open and ready to meet the senator's office at constituent needs. "Anyone who needs

assistance with a state issue Lansing, MI, 48909. or wants to share their

Dave legislative viewpoint can contact our office," he said. "I look forward to continuing my service to my constituents and am prepared to listen and help in any way I can."

Hildenbrand reached directly by e-mail at or through the toll-free number at 1-866-305-29th District 2129. District residents also (517) 373-1801 or by U.S. mail at P.O. Box 30036

Design charrette, continued

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for the Riverwalk area, like restrooms, a concession stand for outdoor events and the extension of the walk the need for kayak and around the river.

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park-like," said Horman.

The residents expressed canoe launches, boat and

close the loop between the two riverbanks with

& Power building could be growth.

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However, some worried There were also some re-invented as a community bold, extreme ideas to building available for rent about the loss of privacy with increased usage of the riverbanks.

Horman said a pedestrian suspension most improvements The majority favored bike storage needs, as well bridge. On the west bank the downtown areas spur see it as invasion of privacy," as service to rent canoes and side, the empty Lowell Light commercial incremental

through use."

"That positive for

City manager Dave Pasquale said any upgrade project can be carried out in phases, such as the looping of the two riverbanks with "As an urbanist I don't

a possible island in the

said Horman. "Increased The results of the traffic will make for a safer waterfront. The more eyes charrette will be turned that are on it, the safer it is. around within two to There is better monitoring three weeks, according to

boardwalk platform between charrette was a success," Main Street Inn and the Serenity Club. Also tied into the upgrade process could be biking and pedaling connections to the regional bike system.

said Horman.

Lazdins. "Both Jim and I felt the said Lazdins. "It was gratifying to see such a high level of community

involvement from both

community leaders and residents of Lowell." is a definite

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Rails to trails, continued

least two trailheads and it is upon the groups to figure out how to connect these

"There are a lot of obstacles between the two. said consultant Dave Austin of Williams & Works. "We would have to cross the Grand River and use Alma. existing streets directing through signage.'

health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier

Jim Lang,

John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

inflammatory disease of

the joints. It is caused by

major medical conditions.

years, gout has been thought

Wayne A. Christenson

gout

being used by King Milling. However, this gap is the only open link between Belding, Greenville and

The group also struggled

with confusion over the The trail groups cannot two complex names for the use the existing tracks in two trails. Both trail legs town since they haven't been running east and north out abandoned and are currently of Lowell have been named after Fred Meijer due to his initial donation of \$1 million toward the purchase of the

> Right now, the trail endowment fund totaling \$3 million is only waiting for

> > diagnosis

gout is aided by review exam and blood uric acid levels and is confirmed by the presence of uric acid crystals in the joint fluid. Steps for preventing gout attacks include avoiding purine-rich foods (eggs, steaks, organ meats, and seafood), limiting alcoholic and fructose-rich beverages and losing weight. Certain including

gout has almost doubled. including in women. Symptoms of gout medications, include pain in a red, warm, diuretics ("water pills") swollen joint. The big toe may also increase your risk crystallized, can produce is the most common joint of gout. Gout flares tend inflammation in the joints affected, followed by feet. to resolve within five to and surrounding tissues. As gout progresses, these seven days even without Gout has been linked to attacks tend to occur more treatment, but pain can be frequently and may lead reduced with medications, such as heart attack, diabetes to chronic gouty arthritis, such as nonsteroidal anticharacterized by tophi (uric inflammatory drugs or acid deposits in soft tissues colchicine. There are also to affect mostly men. Over and joints), joint deformity, medications that can be

Fred Meijer's signature. It will be used for maintenance and trail management.

Currently, the two trails are called: the Fred Meijer Grand River Valley Railtrail and the Fred Meijer Flat River Valley Rail-trail. The complex naming presented a challenge for the website, that is, whether there should be two websites due to funding from the Ionia Community Foundation.

But, the foundation does cover the entire county of Ionia, including Belding. Belding was instrumental in obtaining grants for the creating combined trail Lowell to Greenville portion of the trail.

events, such as Paddle and "It's been a wonderful Pedal with kayak launches. challenge," said Carolyn

"We should get an event going and build from there," said Kane.

The group agreed on the need for a masterplan for different trail uses. The masterplan would be used for grant funding for trail

some concessions, such as "We have to sell it on having only portions of the economic development," said Austin. But, the trail group has

He used as an example successful LARA's approach to obtaining grants by leveraging a local match. DNR and MDOT funding.



Kane, chair of the River

Valley trail group. "We're

ready to put pavement on

in Department of Natural

Resources funding, the

group may have to consider

been moving forward faster

than anticipated and may

serve as a model for other

communities. The friends

groups are considering

However, due to a cut

the ground.'

trails paved.

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Looking

snowy sidewalks dangerous but this also shows a lack of care and responsibility Please go the extra mile and show your support to the community by clearing your sidewalks. It will be greatly appreciated.

> Karis Dilly Lowell High School



30 have heard is the cackle one time, opening day of

Charles, local deliveryman.

successfully re-established in the state, the ring necked pheasant was imported pheasant season in October was second only to the deer opener for creating interest and excitement among hunters of all ages. I bought a 20-gauge

gobble, and wolves howl the native game species were across the forest and fields of Michigan. If you hear a moose grunt, you're probably too close. One from Europe, thrived, and sound that few people under then all but disappeared. At

a fund for the purchase of a cow to replace the one that

died recently. The subscription was circulated by Burt L.

50 Years Ago

The Lowell Ledger

January 19, 1961

Ionia last week, the proposal to move M-91 east of Lowell

about 2 miles, to make a direct line road north and south to

A meeting of citizens from the various communities

25 Years Ago

The Grand Valley Ledger

January 22, 1986

personal, wherever situated, to be used in any way the

Village Council may see fit for the general benefit of the

said Village of Lowell and I would suggest that a part of the

same of said residue be used for the gradual improvement of

Recreation Park located in the said Village of Lowell."

are meeting Tuesday evening, January 24, in Clarksville

Grand River and connecting up with Hastings Road.

At State highway commissioner Mackie's visit to

single-barrel with money earned from a schoolboy trap-line so I could hunt

pheasants with my beagle, Tippy. In the 1950's there were plenty of places to hunt within walking distance of around their neck and long barred tail feathers exploded from the tall brown swamp grass, cackling loudly as they rose skyward on thumping wing beats.

still found in reasonable 1970's. Then, over time, numbers dwindled steadily until pheasant hunting was Hastings, was proposed. The move would mean building a no longer the focus of small new road and bridge south from the present M-91, crossing game hunters. Clean farming practices and loss of habitat to runaway development contributed to the demise of the birds.

to discuss the presentation of this plan to the highway filled the gap for a short time where pen-raised birds hunting areas in southern Michigan. The plump tasty Included in the will of Dr. Solomon S. Lee, a Lowell birds were great table fare, physician who died March 21, 1940, was this paragraph: but the program proved unsustainable. Store bought from the tall grass. "I will, devise and bequeath to the Village of Lowell, Kent chicken has been on our County, Michigan, the residue of my estate, both real and

menu ever since. Another attempt to restore pheasant populations introducing the Sichuan strain from China in hopes the bird would find the changing Michigan habitat

suitable, but that wasn't the

answer either.

Pheasants were never forgotten by conservation groups who worked to improve habitat and our house. The handsome establish pheasant numbers birds with the white ring in selected areas around the state. Sportsmen are now working with government agencies to increase pheasant populations. The plan, called the Pheasant Recovery Initiative, is to access large parcels of private and public land and manage it for pheasant habitat. It is hoped that the birds will eventually

The "good old days" probably will never return, but back in 1950 who would have thought wild turkeys would be hunted A put-in-take program everywhere in the state. I am hopeful the program will find success early enough were released on public so that Andy, my beagle, and I will still have time to go afield with the single 20 and be surprised by a noisy colorful bird exploding

come back enough to allow

reasonable bag limits.

By Shelly MacNaughton

125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal January 22, 1886

Milan Wilson is the snowplow conductor. S.P. Hicks will build a new house next spring. The artesian well at the Kent county jail spouts

vigorously. Jim Fell has accepted Tom O'Donnell's challenge to fight again.

> 100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger **January 19, 1911**

William Peck of Hastings, contractor and lumber dealer, and John Carson, resident manager, have brought the interest of C. S. Travis in the Lowell Lumber company stock and real estate.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo **January 16, 1935**

Harry Water, the drayman, feels deeply grateful to businesses along Main St. and others who contributed to

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they had built, was the red brick dwelling at 718 Riverside Upon Dr. Lee's death, the portion of the estate

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bequeathed to Lowell came to \$68,000 in New York stocks; when they were sold in 1982, to comply with the prohibition of the municipality's holding stocks, the resulting amount of \$213,000 was invested with the Government National

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financial Solomon Lee was born in Lowell on October 27, 1871 the son of J. Edwin and Helen Boyce Lee. He graduated in focus 1898 from the University of Michigan medical school. In 1912 he returned to Lowell where he continued in general practice until his retirement in 1934. The Lees' home, which



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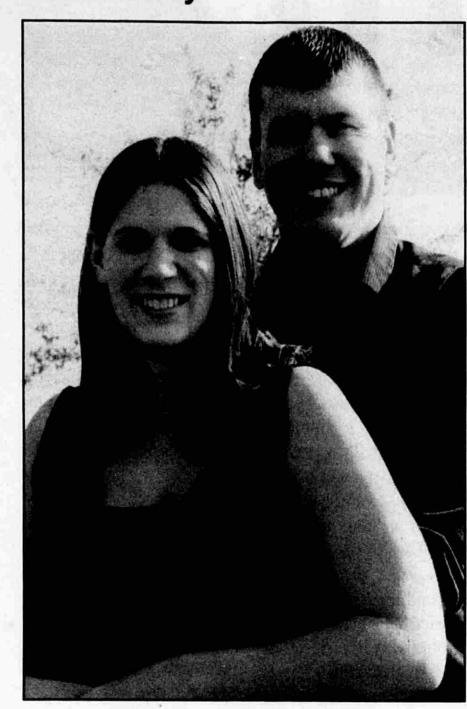
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Mandy Searl and Jason Murray

Pam and Ernie Murray Searl, daughter of Lori and of Lowell announce the the late Ron Searl of East engagement of their son Grand Rapids. A June 18th Jason Murray to Mandy wedding is being planned

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college news

University has announced general engineering; and that several local students Kyle VerHoef, general have been named to the and her future husband is a maintain a grade point sciences and arts; and Steve

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DDA contributes to North Center Street reconstruction

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by Emma Palova

The Authority Development the city council. (DDA) approved \$36,501 North Center Street within the authority district last Dave Pasquale, assistant

reconstruction is \$241,000. The project is funded by street construction fund, 17. water main contribution, transportation assistance. of the amphitheatre area. Local street construction fund allocates one mill DDA designated city

improved from M21 to the amphitheatre area from Laurels of Kent. Sidewalks Lowell Area Schools. The are already in place, but the area is owned by the city street may be narrowed.

necessary," said Dave Austin of Williams & Works.

project was held on Jan. 3 at all the single head decorative The city council approved project to be completed by Tractor Supply has been set The authority re-elected in the parking lots. The total September. The bid was

current officers: Jim Reagan project cost, according to awarded to Diversified public hearing for the as the chairman, secretary secretary Betty Morlock, The total cost of the treasurer Mike Larkin, and assistant treasurer Sue Olin

The DDA will review a mix of monies from the results of the design Community Development charrette, held last week, Block Grant (CDBG), local at the next meeting on Feb.

Due to an April DDA contribution and water deadline for grant funding, fund. The CDBG portion the charrette process is on of funding is \$73,650 and a fast track. Dave Austin the remaining \$6,000 goes of Williams & Works will to North Kent Transit for be preparing the grant senior and handicapped application for the upgrade In related business,

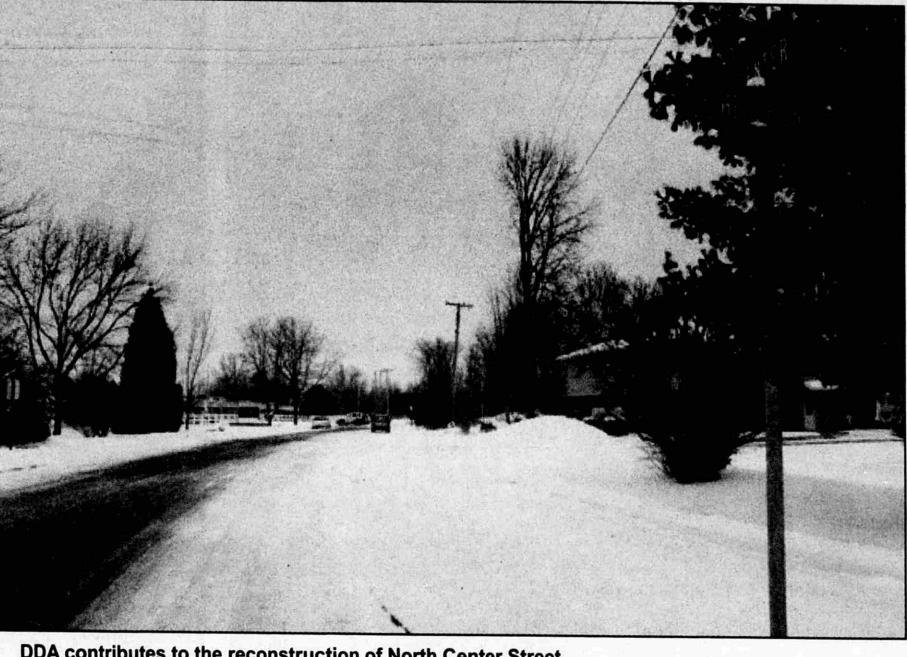
toward local street projects. manager Dave Pasquale to The street will be negotiate the purchase of with a small portion owned "It is wider than by the schools.

The authority approved \$2,500 to install compact

A public hearing for the fluorescent lights (CFL) on DesJarden, is \$20,597. lamps on the Riverwalk and \$25,000 for the project in the end of the month.

A special use permit public works director Dan Powertec, LLC of Portland. Farmers' Market move to

DesJarden expects the the parking lot in front of for Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. before the planning commission.



DDA contributes to the reconstruction of North Center Street.

Financial Focus, continued

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401(k) or other employer- much as possible. sponsored plan. Every time or Roth IRA.

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• Repay any 401(k) retirement, but by preparing your salary goes up, try to loans. Once you've left your for it, as far in advance as increase the amount you employer, you may be forced possible, you can improve contribute to your retirement to repay a 401(k) loan within your chances of maintaining plan. Also, contribute two months — an obvious the retirement lifestyle regularly to your traditional hardship during a stressful you've envisioned.

• Get some help. By strategies appropriate for consulting with a professional financial advisor, you may

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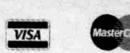


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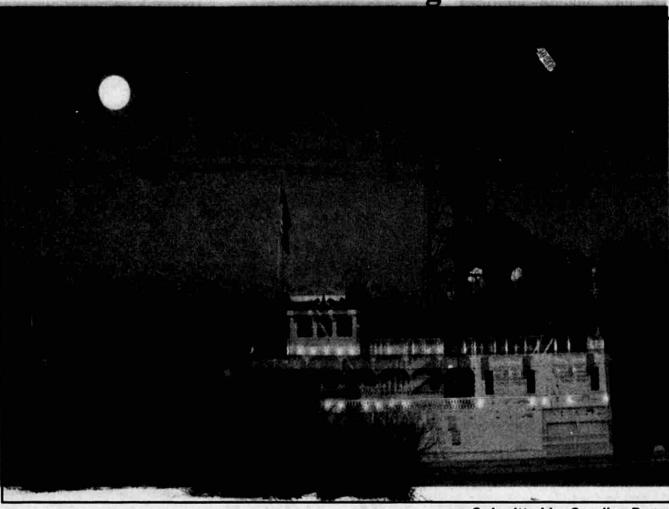


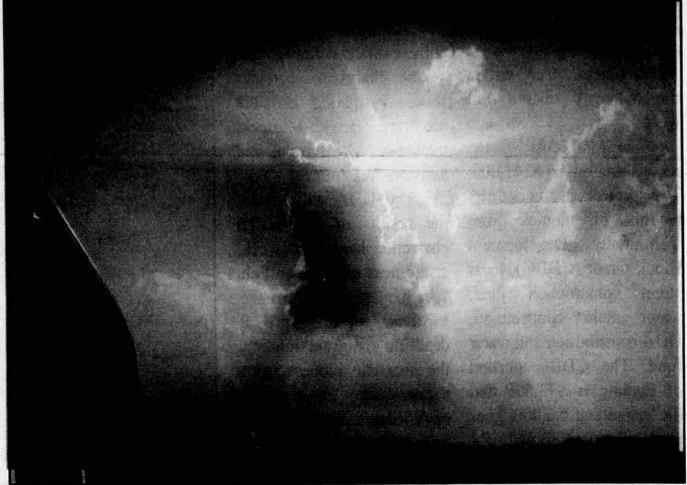
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Thanks again to all who submitted images to The Ledger

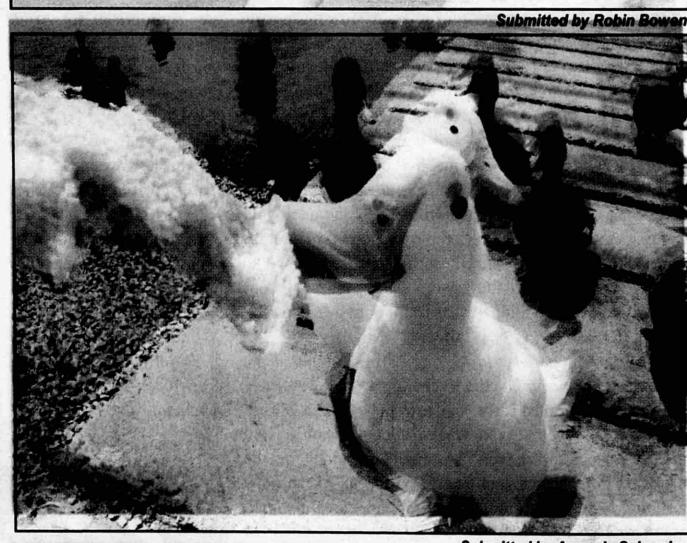




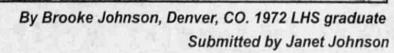












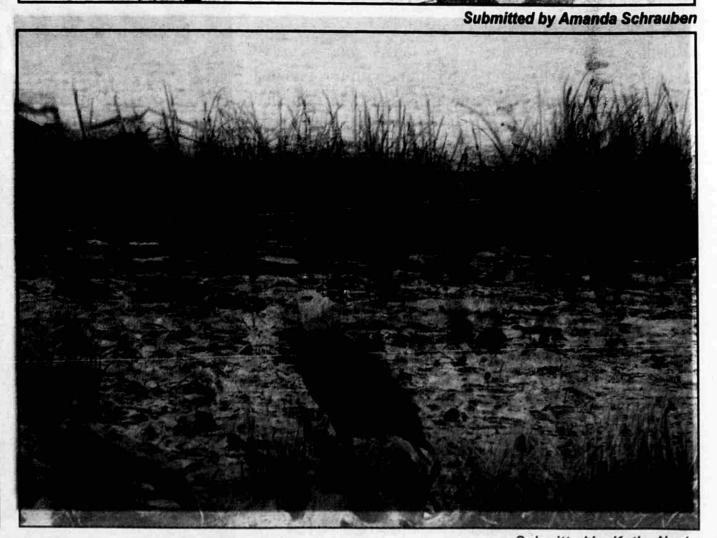


Photo contest winners, continued, on page 16

Art that Speaks exhibit says it out loud

Now, say it out loud. That is the catchline

Lowell Area Arts Council (LAAC) gallery.

The 'Art that Speaks' exhibit at the LAAC gallery explores individual artistic strong show."

Blough's untitled metal the artwork speaks its own feeling.

new project joy. director at the arts council.

scratching, buttons and Called Love.' sculptures. Robert Penning The tribute piece is a

colorful bench using papier "Sometimes they are inspired thoughtful, powerful and of meaning and delicate maché and acrylics on a by the words of others, songs, personal, bringing the viewer communication." simple wood frame.

range of interpretation of art," said Cornwell, "from traditional to experimental. It runs the gamut. It's a

Interesting is also the presentation of student art. Non-framed art is clipped on an orange snow fence. Ted Bergin's photograph This gives the art another of a doll in the backyard, dimension and adds a deeper

Kathleen Mooney's "In our call for artists piece 'Blaze on Every Hill' we didn't want to be too speaks about the unmasking Casey of sorrow in order to discover

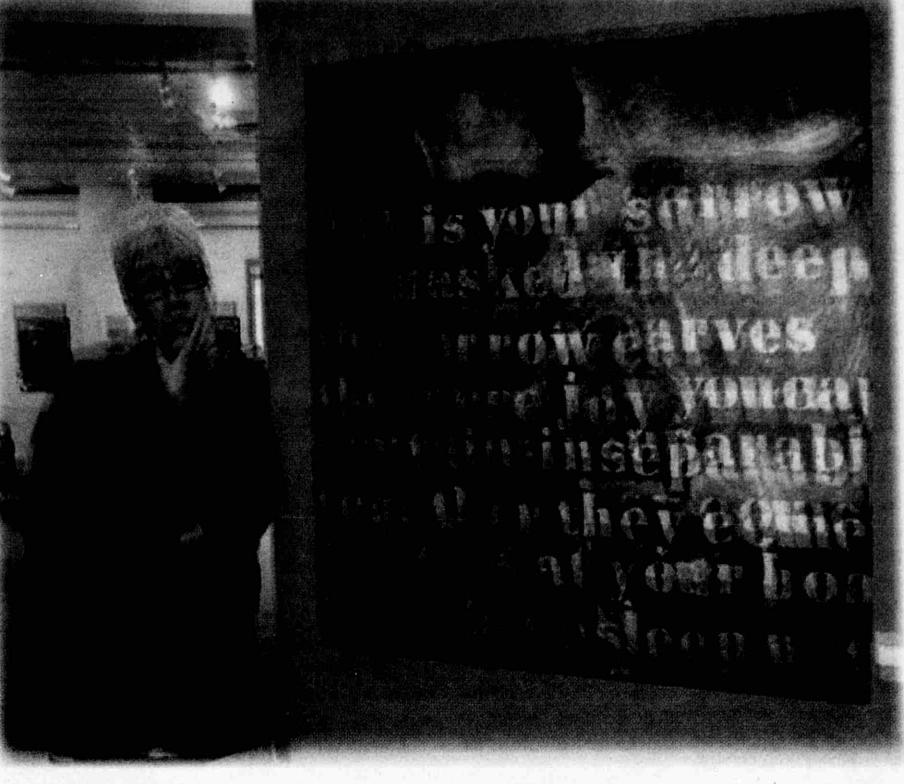
Another exciting piece "We got exactly what we is 'Vanity Fair' by Angela Cole. It is a crown made of The show is varied bronze, silver and nickel, in both categories, adult painted with oils and and student. It includes acrylics. Artist Christine words, images, markings, Parker created 'This Thing

signs, symbols and text piece titled 'Man Kite' to bring another level of meaning to their work," said student, 'Father's House.' artist Kathleen Mooney.

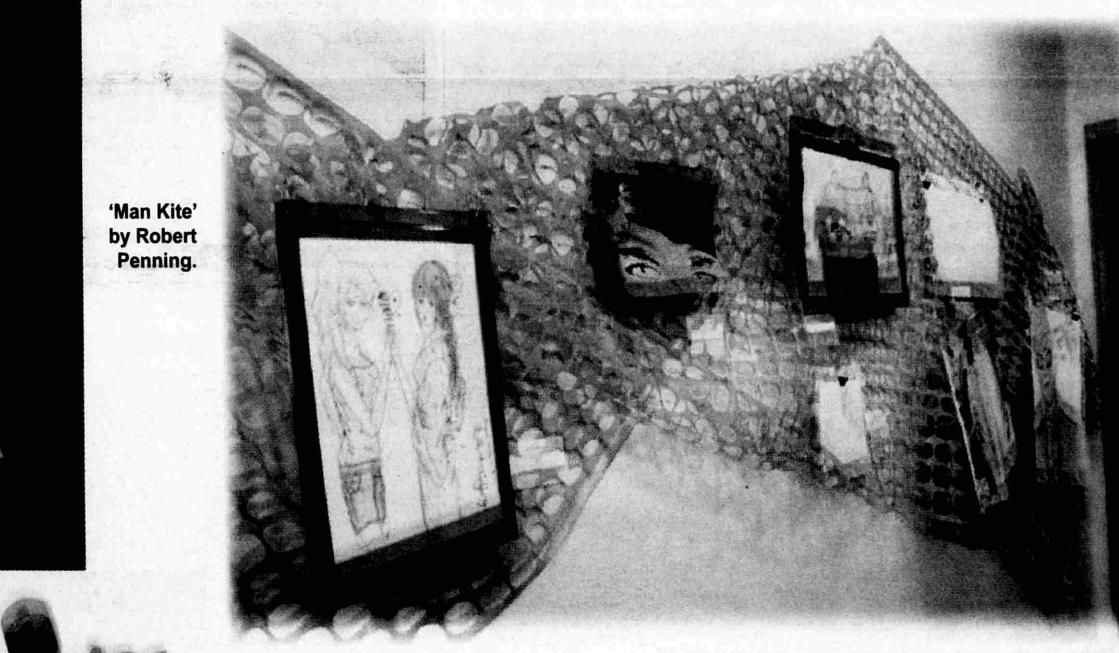
poetry or their own words. deeper into the art. Simple The show runs through Joseph Antenucci Becherer.

"The show has a wide Words can be emotional, marks may hold volumes Feb. 2 followed by the

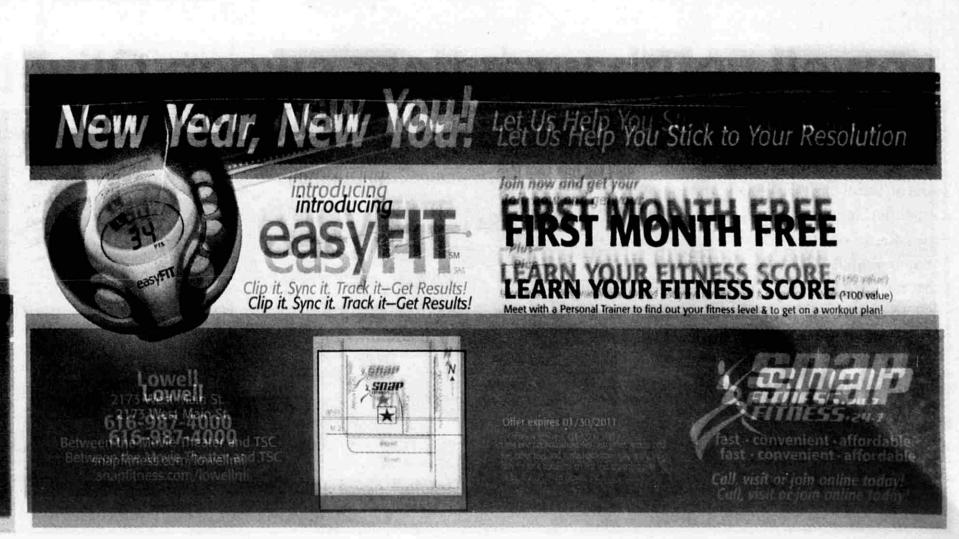
West Michigan Regional Art Competition with juror



Kasey Cornwell, the new project director with Katheen Mooney's artwork.

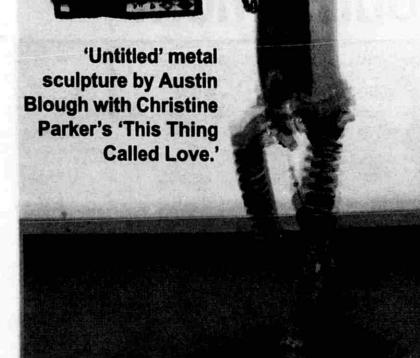


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Red Arrows come out on top at Gary Rivers Memorial

Nancy Dood

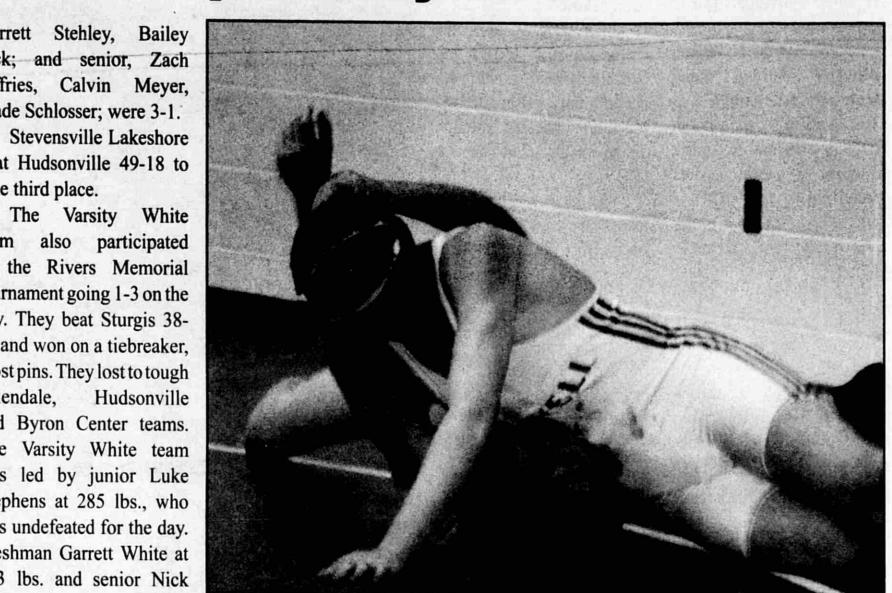
Rivers Memorial wrestling Hartland team that is ranked tournament on Saturday number four in Division I. beat Hudsonville 49-18 to at Lowell High School. There were four - four team Division II pools that wrestled round

they moved to the finals. Jake Lynema at 285 and an freshman Kanon Dean

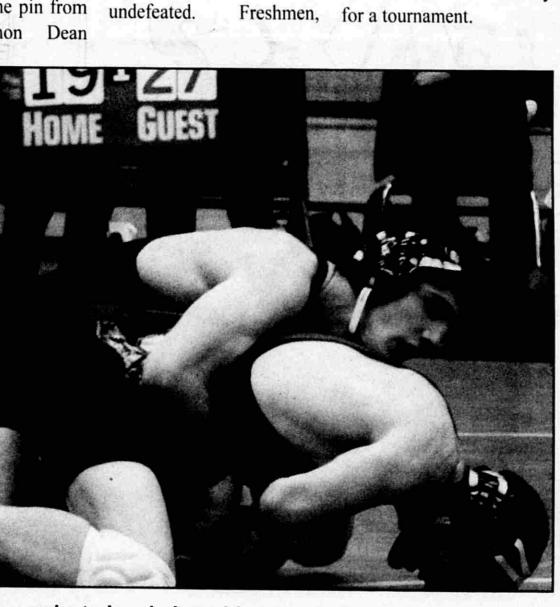
at 135. Lowell upended Garrett Stehley, Bailey Red Arrow Hudsonville 49-15, moving Jack; and senior, Zach were crowned them to the championship Jeffries, Calvin Meyer, the Gary match to face a very tough Wade Schlosser; were 3-1. Lowell is ranked third in take third place.

Senior Dan Fleet started team also participated robin, 14 teams in all. Pool Lowell off, at 152 lbs., in the Rivers Memorial champions then wrestled with an impressive 8-2 win tournament going 1-3 on the championship over number one ranked day. They beat Sturgis 38semifinals and if they won, John Julien. Lowell then 38 and won on a tiebreaker, received wins from junior most pins. They lost to tough The day started off Jake Stehley at 160, Wade Allendale, Hudsonville well for the Red Arrows Schlosser, 171, and junior and Byron Center teams. as they defeated a tough Gabe Dean at 189 for a The Varsity White team Byron Center squad 48- 14-0 lead. Lowell freshman was led by junior Luke 18 and then went on to Bailey Jack at 103 lbs. and Stephens at 285 lbs., who beat Fremont 42-19 to win junior Calvin Meyer at 125 was undefeated for the day. their pool. By winning lbs. came away with come Freshman Garrett White at their pool the Lowell team from behind wins to help 103 lbs. and senior Nick wrestled their way to the secure the 33-19 victory for McKay at 215 lbs. went 3-1 championship semifinals the Red Arrows. Leading the on the day. taking on the Eagles of way for the Red Arrows for Hudsonville. Lowell got the day were juniors, Gabe Grand Rapids this coming

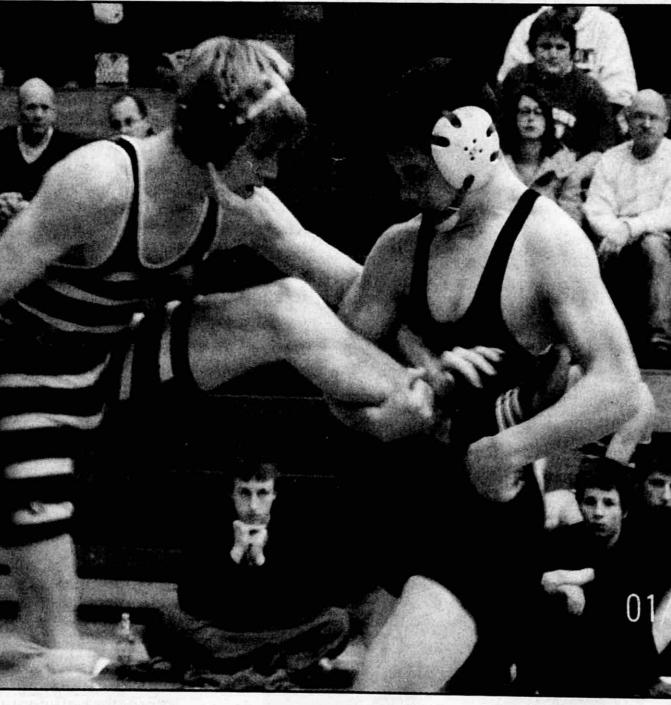
Lowell will host East big wins from senior Wade Dean, Gabe Morse, Andrew Wednesday starting at 6 Schlosser at 171 lbs., senior Morse; seniors Dan Fleet p.m. and then travel to and Jake Lynema; all going Mason, Ohio on Saturday Freshmen, for a tournament.



Jacob Sweet, Varsity White team, tries for the pin against Sturgis.



Gabe Morse works to break down his opponent.



Kanon Dean tries a single leg take down on his Fremont opponent.

Lowell youth wrestlers sweep Olivet tournament

The Lowell Middle School and elementary wrestling teams both came out on top at the MYWA Olivet Regional qualifier on Sunday, January 16. The middle school team defeated Davison, Eaton Rapids, Laingsburg and Lawton by respective scores of 36-27, 40-30, 49-16 and 41-29. The elementary team, even though they lost to Dundee by a score of 28-29, was still able to gain a first place victory. Due to Dundee's loss to Davison, who Lowell defeated 42-23, it came down to point criteria: This put Lowell over Dundee by a score of 70 points to 60 points, putting Lowell in first place.



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Lowell/Cal hockey on a winning streak in 2011

what it's looking like.

Lowell/Cal is 3-0 for the in the league.

Lowell/Cal the Grand Rapids Public Wednesday after returning from break with a 3-2 win mercied at 10-2. They over Wayland Friday.

In between those league against

tougher competition in the Saturday.

The holiday break was beginning of the season to just the thing the Lowell/ prepare us for the league Caledonia varsity hockey games during the second team needed, at least that's half," said Lowell/Cal head coach Tim Beurer.

There were 15 games month of January and scored left on the Lowell/Cal a pair of O-K conference schedule heading into last victories to improve to 3-0 weekend, with 11 of them being O-K conference tier topped III contests

The Lowell/Cal boys 12-0 took on the Unity Knights Friday. The game was returned to action Saturday West Ottawa two contests, Lowell/Cal continuing their winning topped Portage Northern streak with a 6-3 victory. This weekend, the Lowell/ "My hope when Cal boys face Northview scheduling for this season twice, at East Kentwood was to allow us to play Friday and Griff's Icehouse



Pictures submitted by Dan Goggins

Lowell/Cal face off against the Knights



the lowell dger 105 N. Broadway Lowell

Lake), tossed salad w romaine, orange smiles TUES: Egg, cheese & sausage on English muffin quesadilla w/salsa also

fresh coleslaw, fruit goop w/vanilla pudding, milk. WED: Baked chicken nuggets w/wheat dinner roll (Jr. turkey & cheese

sub also offered at Alto.

Cherry Creek & Murray

Lake), mashed potatoes/

butter, peaches, milk.

THURS: Pizza Dippers w marinara dipping sauce (3 meat sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad w/romaine, fruited gelatin

salad, milk.

sandwich (Rib BQ on bun also offered at Alto. Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tomato soup v crackers, fresh mini







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MON: Hamburger on bun (Danimals yogurt/American cheese & saltine crackers also offered at Alto Cherry Creek & Murray

offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake),

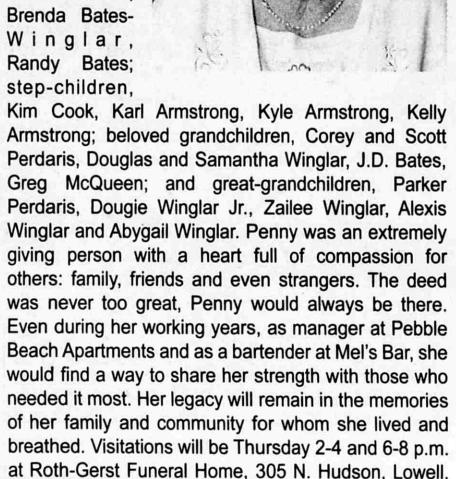
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obituaries

ARMSTRONG

Juanita "Penny" Elizabeth Armstrong, loving wife mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, age 75, of Lowell, passed away Friday, January 14, 2011. She

was preceded in death by her Robert "Bob" Ginter; and parents, William (Grace) Stonebreaker. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, children, (Donna) Perdaris. Brenda Bates-Winglar, Randy Bates:



The family would like to extend an invitation to attend

luncheons at the Lowell Moose Lodge in Lowell from

4-6 and 8-10 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made

to Flat River Outreach Ministries, 519 E. Main, Lowell

Joan Marie (Mick) Bowen, of Saranac, passed away

BOWEN

peacefully at home Saturday, January 15, 2011, surrounded by her family. Joan was born December 23, 1951, to Alton C. and Phyllis (Yeiter) Mick of Clarksville, who preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Dennis G.; her children who she was a very loving mother to, Tamara (Steven) Reeves Dennis A. (Dianna)

Bowen of Saranac, Lisa (Tim) Sitzer of Lowell; two very special grandsons, Steven Reeves and Alec Sitzer; brothers, Ron Mick of Sand Lake, Steve (Barb) Mick of Lake Tahoe, Phillip Mick of Clarksville; and nephews, Steven Mick of Lake Tahoe and Alton Mick of Ionia. Joan was a very private person who struggled with medical issues most of her adult life. She took great pride in the fact that she was able to be a stay-at-home mother who always greeted her children and grandchildren with a big smile and a warm heart. She enjoyed events involving her children and grandchildren, vacations with her family and her glass clown collection. Funeral service will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Pastor Tim Bateman of Clarksville Bible Church officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the Saranac Community Fire Department, 10 N. Bridge Street, Saranac, MI 48881.

KRANSI

Traverse City, passed away on December 17, 2010. He 6-8 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Memorial contributions was preceded in death by his son, Marine L/CPL Ronald may be made to West Michigan Therapy Dogs, PO Box T. Kransi, who lost his life as a result of wounds suffered 2533, Grand Rapids, MI 49501. in the Vietnam War. Harold served his country in the

U.S. Army during World War II. Harold was a retiree of the Michigan Department of Conservation. He served as a conservation officer for over 35 years, with most of those years in Benzie County. Harold and his wife of 70 years, Luella (Griffin), moved to Lowell in March 2005. Along with Luella, he is survived by his sons, Harold Jr. (Sandy), Roger (Debby); daughters, Karen Donahue (Dan), Kaye Wright (Owen); 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. A private family service was held In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of Michigan or a charity of your choice.

SHORTSLE

Frederick Allen Shortsle, age 58, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, January 15, 2011. He was preceded in death by his parents, Larry and Doris; his best friend, Jeff Ligman; and father-in-law, Bill Christensen. He is survived by his wife

of 33 years, Nancy; daughters, Julie Christina and Heather Piechochi; german shepard "A-Buddy;" Bob, (Carolyn), Arn Greg (Pam) and Dean mother-inlaw, Gussie Doane; brotherssisters-innieces and always enjoyed the



company of the Neighbor"Hood," and everybody loved, and I mean loved. Fred! A celebration of Fred's life will be Thursday 11 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Harold Arne Kransi, 93, formerly of Beulah and Hudson, Lowell. Visitations will be Wednesday 2-4 and

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the new Spanish-language gov, not only for themselves Security online in Spanish is dates or expected future service, Social Security but also to help their so easy." has enlisted the help of the loved ones," said Don

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314 S. Hudson, Lowell. are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission ALANON - Tuesdays at 7 p.m. for an event - it is considered an First Congregational Church, 865 advertisement. Coming events Lincoln Lake Ave. North door. are ran on a space available basis & ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO RUN. If you would like to make paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We mage Sales as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be sub-

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events

classifieds@lowellbuyersguide com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES sign up at the Nazarene Church,

201 N. Washington St., Sat., Jan. 22, 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.

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

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #7719 - second and fourth Tuesday at St. Mary School.

BACK TO BASICS - every Tues-

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

BOWLING - Wednesdays, 1

p.m., 55 and over. LOWELL AREA TRAILWAY meets 2nd Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Lowell Area Cham-

ber of Commerce. Visit www. GRIEF - ADULT GROUP - Each

Tuesday, 2-3 p.m. & second & have experienced the death of a family member or friend. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S.

GRIEF - KIDS GROUP - Second & fourth Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Chamber office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza. Concerns & ideas wela committed group for children in first - fourth grade on a grief come. journey. Incorporates curriculum-

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MICHIGAN HEPATITIS C FOUN-DATION SUPPORT - 1st Thurs-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

ALTO LIONS CLUB - first & third Thursday at United Methodist Church in Alto at 7 p.m.

KEEP IT SIMPLE ADDICTIONS SUPPORT GROUP - Socialization & peer support for recovering addicts. Meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Raya building. Contact 897-7303 for more info.

QUARTER BINGO - 2nd Thurs. of each month, 1-5 p.m. 2 cards for a quarter. 50% payback w/100% payback hourly specials. Open to the public. The Moose Rec Hall, 1320 E. Main St. Sponsored by W.O.T.M. Chapter #1388.

LA LECHE LEAGUE OF ADA CASCADE, LOWELL - 2nd Thurs. 7 p.m. meeting. Support for pregnant/breast-feeding women.

WEIGHT WATCHERS - Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. New members invited. 1-800-651-6000. GENEALOGY ALTO FAMILY

TREE CLUB - second Thursday at the Alto Library at 2 p.m. LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

- second Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Members in good standing may

Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 COFFEE WITH THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL - First Saturday

11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social Thurs.: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.: Tues. gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC & Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio 8-9 p.m.; Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m. 101 W. Main.

THE EAST KENT COUNTY the second Saturday of the month SHOOTING LEAGUES - at at the Lowell Area Chamber of from 8:30 to 10 a.m. to discuss Potas 698-2051 or email current events on the local, state shooting@csc.us.com. & national levels. Bring your MOBILE FOOD PANTRY - at concerns & issues to our meet-

Cascade Fellowship Christian Ref. Church, 6655 Cascade Rd. Free perishable food. 1st Monday. Register: 4:30 p.m. Distribution: 6 p.m.

BINGO - Every Sunday, 2 p.m The Moose Rec Hall, 1320 E Main St. Sponsored by W.O.T.M. Chapter #1388. Open to the

EVERY THURSDAY - Nigh service at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 865 Lincoln Lake SE at 6:30 p.m.

NEW CLASSES FOR EV-ERYONE - children - adults a Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. Bible-centered classes for children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Tues. ST. PATRICK PLAYGROUP & Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Mon. & Sat. Thursdays 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m 9:30-1:30 p.m.; Thurs., 1-5 p.m. St. Patrick's preschool room Info., call 647-3820. Stories, games, crafts, music ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY & snack. Parents with young HOURS - Mon.-Wed., noon - 8 children welcome. Call Jennifer Post, 897-0251 or Sally Goffer, p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5

LOWELLAREAARTSCOUNCIL GALLERY HOURS - Tues. - Fri.. 10-6 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m.; Monday by appt.; 149 S. Hudson. Visit www.lowellartscouncil.org.or call

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

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday:1-4 p.m.; Thursday: -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. Nonclothing/infantitems. Lowell area.

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

863-4952 with any questions.

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

3-8 p.m. at Vergennes United Methodist Church, Bailey Dr. 8 Provides support, referrals, food, Parnell. Public is welcome. Appointments are encouraged, but not necessary. Call 897-6141 for appointments.

CITY OF LOWELL **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The City of Lowell is accepting sealed bids for new carpet at the Englehardt Public Library 200 North Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan. For bid package with information, specification and to schedule a mandated on site visit you must contact Betty Morlock, City Clerk 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 (616-897-8457). Sealed bids are due Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. where they will publicly be opened and read aloud.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served.



LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE, Lowell, MI 49331.

Ben Bosworth has made application for a variance from the Bulk Table of Regulations of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance to allow for a 17 foot setback for a covered porch addition where 40 feet is required on property owned by Misty Cope located at 14184 Grand River Drive, Lowell, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-12-200-002.

The application is available for review at the Township Hall during regular office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

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Northview* 7:45 p.m. at Creston 7:45 p.m. 7:45 p.m. at Greenville GR Christian' 7:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m. at Reeths Puffer East Grand Rapids* 7:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Mona Shores* 7:45 p.m. at Northview 7:30 p.m. Holland* 2/25 7:45 p.m. Greenville*

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	3/1	7:30 p.m.	at Thornapple Kellogg
	3/3	7:30 p.m.	Forest Hills Eastern*

GIRLS VARSITY GYMNASTICS * Denotes a home meet in Auxiliary Gym

Class C Quarterfinal*

Rockford* 1/22 10 a.m. Lowell Invitational*

10 a.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.

East Kentwood* Kenowa Hills Invitational at Kenowa Hills/Mona Shores/E. Kentwood at Kenowa Hills

VARSITY CHEERLEADING

a home meet in the High School Main Gym Cedar Springs Invitational Hastings Invitational 1/15 1/26 6:30 p.m. at GR Christian

6:30 p.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m.

at Kenowa Hills Kenowa Hills Invitational White/Black Meet* **Conference at Mona Shores**

Conference at Mona Shores

BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING

* Denotes a home meet at High School Gym
** Denotes a home meet at Middle School Gym
7 p.m. East Grand Rapids**
9:30 a.m. Mason, OH Tournament 9:30 a.m.

1/26 2/2 2/5 7 p.m. 7 p.m. TBA

at Northview Conference at GR Christian

BOYS VARSITY HOCKEY

8:30 p.m. Northview* at Northview 5 p.m. Wayland at Patterson Ice Arena 9 p.m.

2/2 2/11 8 p.m. 8:30 p.m. 4 p.m. 8:30 p.m. 6 p.m.

at West Ottawa South Christian* Kalamazoo Blades* at South Christian at Jenison **Northwest Warriors***

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JANUARY 12 - JANUARY 18

- Apple's founder and CEO, Steve Jobs, has been granted a medical leave of absence by Apple's board of directors. COO Tim Cook will run the dayto-day operations for the company.
- In a symbolic gesture toward more civil political discourse, Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer and Republican Sen. Tom Coburn say they will sit together at the upcoming State of the Union address.
- Pope Benedict XVI approves a miracle attributed to his predecessor John Paul II. The Vatican announces that the Polish pope will be beatified on May 1. Beatification is a step towards sainthood and the ceremony is expected to draw hundreds of thousands of people to Rome.
- Borders on the brink: Michigan-based bookseller restructures for the times.
- A group of more than 100 scientists and experts say in a new report that California faces the risk of a massive "superstorm" that could flood a quarter of the state's homes. Researchers say that it wil cause four or five times the amount of damage that could be wrought by a major earthquake.
- Regis Philbin, 80, will be retiring from his show, "Live With Regis and Kelly," which he has hosted for 28 years.

last week's Sound Off poll result:

Should the government provide security for members of Congress?

Yes ••••••50% No ******50%

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> This week's poll question -

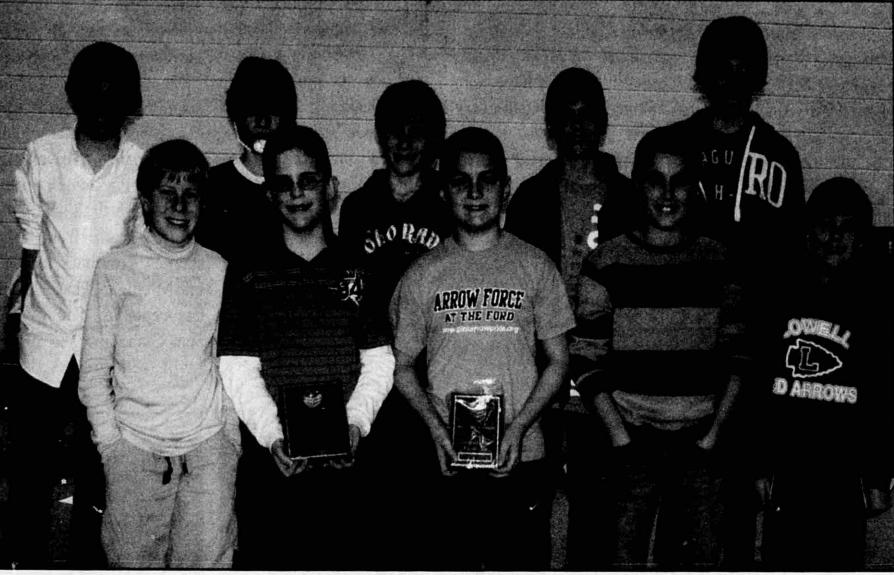
Is it time to revive the debate on gun control?

Geography Bee winners

students participated in the the championship round.

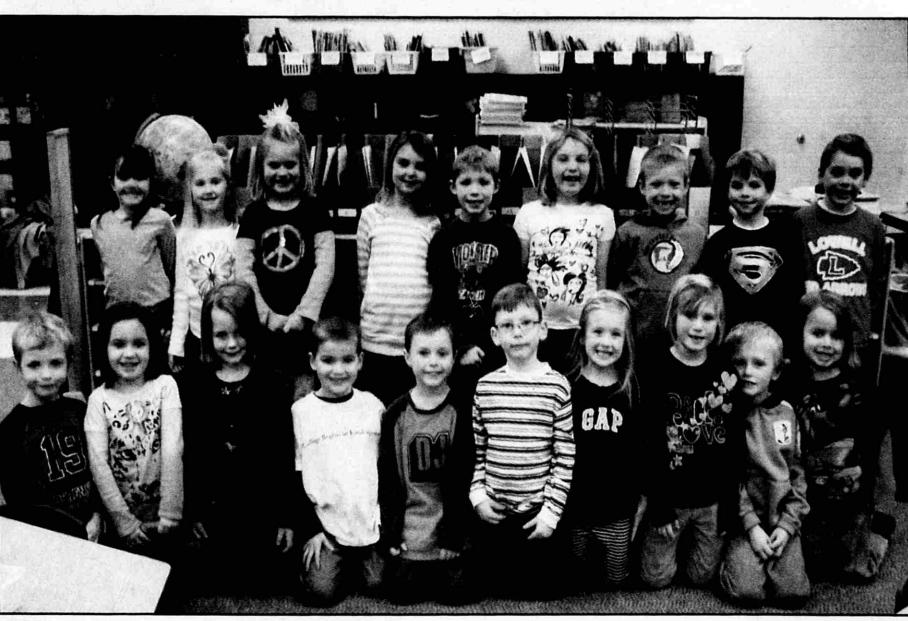
Bee. Over forty MLE Garrett Pratt moved on to DeKok and Pratt received State of Michigan Bee.

Pictured are the Murray preliminary bee. These ten DeKok nudged out Pratt plaques for their efforts. Lake Elementary School's advanced to the final school by knowing that Mount DeKok will now take a top ten finishers in the competition. After seven Kilimanjaro is the highest written Geography Bee test annual National Geographic rounds, Connor DeKok and peak in Tanzania. Both to see if he qualifies for the



Pictured front row, left to right: Ryan Roest, Connor DeKok (winner), Garrett Pratt (runner-up), Eric Dimmick, and Ethan Kaminski; back row, left to right: Blake McVey, Christian Davis, Nathan Roest, Travis Cornell, and Sam Hoffman.

Elementary students Character in Action winners



The Murray Lake Elementary's Character in Action winners for the month of December are pictured above. December's trait was caring and these students were recognized by students and staff members for putting this trait into action on a daily basis.



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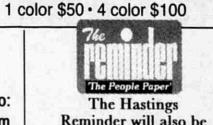
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Historic 2006 trash agreement with Canada stops waste from being dumped in Michigan

Michigan will longer be a dumping ground for Ontario's city waste, thanks to the agreement negotiated four years ago by U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Carl Levin (D-MI). Ontario's Minister of Environment announced that Ontario has officially met the terms of their agreement, stopping shipments of city waste

to Michigan as of Dec. 31, 2010. This agreement prevents more than 40,000 trash trucks hauling city waste from entering the state, stopping 1.5 million tons of city waste that otherwise would have been dumped in Michigan every

"This is a great victory for Michigan in the fight against Canadian trash,"

said Senator Stabenow. announcement is a major health, safety, and security Canadian trash." threats to Michigan families its trash to our state in 2003, Senator Levin and I have made stopping these garbage imports a top priority. There is still more work to be done, but today's

"This trash poses serious milestone in the fight to stop

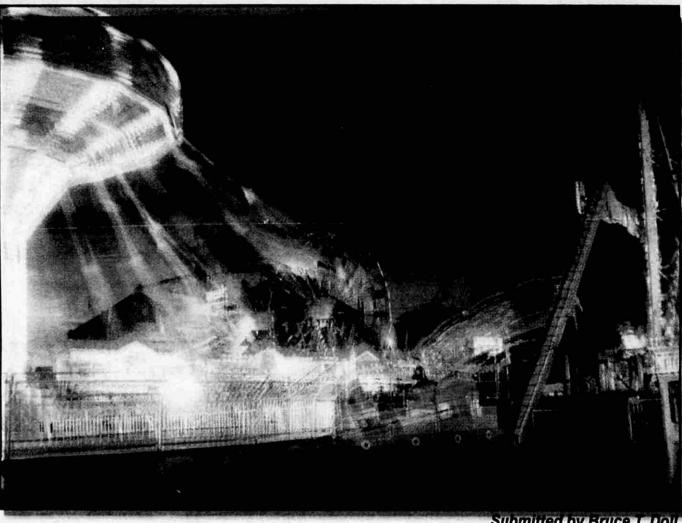
"This is an important and our communities. Since achievement in an ongoing Toronto announced that effort to limit and eventually it would begin sending eliminate all Canadian trash shipments into our state," Senator Levin said. "However, non-municipally managed trash that can come from private companies, from construction industry, and from other sources, continues to come into Michigan. That is simply unacceptable. Along with Sen. Stabenow and others, I will work to gain passage

of legislation that would address the non-municipally managed Canadian trash shipments into Michigan. I also encourage state and local officials to consider their own steps to end these shipments."

The Stabenow-Levin agreement, negotiated with Ontario's Minister of the Environment in 2006, called for the phase out and elimination of city waste shipments by the end of 2010. Senators Stabenow and Levin had been working with officials to meet the terms of the agreement. In

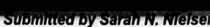
addition to confirmation from Ontario's Minister of Environment, the Senators received letters from the four major Toronto-area municipalities confirming that their waste shipments to Michigan have stopped. Instead of shipping city waste to Michigan, these municipalities are utilizing new landfill capacity in Ontario and other waste management alternatives including diversion and waste-to-energy facilities.

Photo contest winners, continued



Submitted by Bruce T. Do







Submitted by Amie Daigneault



Submitted by Neil Kirby



Submitted Jeanne Vandersloot

