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by Emma Palova

the house.

she said.

June.

Tall,

platinum color hair, Smith

can be seen at almost any

public place around the

community. She was named

the Woman of the Year last

president of the Friends

of the Englehardt Library

since 1994. To this day,

Smith enjoys supervisory

roles after holding several at

Jacobson's. She supervised

children's, accessories and

ready-to-wear departments

She has been the

inspired by water



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businesses receive recognition



"I've always wanted to When Joy Smith retired from a supervisory position

brought up that way." at Jacobson's in 1994, she She came to Grand didn't just want to sit around Rapids with the Camp Fire Girls in 1956. Smith trained "That wasn't for me," leaders, held workshops and worked with the camp in the elegant with summertime.

> For 13 years she worked Library. as a docent for the Grand Rapids Public Museum and she volunteered at Porter Hills Retirement Center.

She logged in 4,000 volunteer hours at the Grand Rapids Public Museum and received the President's Volunteer Service award on Oct. 7, 2009.

But later she wanted to more concentrate her energy and focus on Lowell.

"We're so lucky to have

shifted all my energies to volunteer," she said. "I was Lowell four years ago."

Person of the Year 2011 a highly

visible member of the community

She became a docent at the Lowell Area Historical Museum, a volunteer at the arts council, a member of the Women's Club and her greatest love, being a part of the Friends of the Englehardt

"I have to get up and do things," she said. "I helped the membership grow and



"AUTO" ALL FOR ADC 481

Joy Smith

brought in more adult programming."

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One of the things that Smith is really proud of are the expanded book sales that help raise money for the library. These enabled the purchase of the new furniture for the coffee area. "I try to help the

> Person of the Year, continued, page 3

Chamber to bestow honors on citizens and businesses

by Emma Palova

Wilcox and John Timpson, five members consisting

and did fashion shows as what we have," she said. "I well.



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All-Weather Seal to receive Business **Appreciation** award

by Emma Palova

All-Weather Seal is best known for its generosity and quality workmanship.

Owner Scott McDowell started working in the business with dad Dave McDowell, on the east side of the state in Burton, in 1981.

He did installs and later sales and then started his own business eight years ago with Dan McDowell. He branched out to Lowell four years ago because of the school system and the community.

"I checked nine school districts and wanted to make this the last move," he said. He moved around a lot due to business needs that have been growing steadily. The business has grown from five employees to 30 and it services Lowell and the west side of the state from Traverse City to Three Rivers and to Indiana.

"I have great employees that I work with," said McDowell.

This was the third year for the company to donate a houseful of windows worth \$15,000.

"We do this because Lowell has supported us," said McDowell. "We want to give back and we like the publicity."

Due to steady growth, McDowell is hoping to put up a second story to the building located at

319 E. Main Street.

"We need more people space and storage," he said.

Business Appreciation award, continued, page 2

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will give awards to residents and businesses that have demonstrated true commitment to the greater community during the annual Winter Gathering of the Membership held on Feb. 16.

Each year since 1986, the chamber has given out the most coveted honor to the Person of the Year. The chamber bylaws require the organization to hold an annual meeting.

"Later we added awards to the event," said chamber director Liz Baker. "The purpose of the awards is to recognize people in the community for their commitment, investment and volunteerism."

Past recipients of the Person of the Year have been: 1986 - Chris Van Antwerp, 1987 - King Doyle, 1988 - Dr. Orville McKay, 1989 - Ivan Blough, 1990 - George and Dode Dey, 1991 -Robert Reagan, 1992 -Al Eckman, 1993 - Ray Quada, 1994 - Priscilla Lussmyer, 1995 - mayor Jim Maatman, 1996 -Bob Pfaller, 1997 - Jim Reagan, 1998 - Marsha

1999 - Dr. Donald Gerard. 2000 - Roger LaWarre, 2001 - Bert Bleke, 2002 - Judy Straub and Luanne Kaeb, 2003 - Jim Doyle, 2004 -Jim White, 2005 - Kraig and Jody Haybarker, 2006 -Ray and Barbara Zandstra, 2007 - Marj Harding, 2008 - Betty Yeiter, 2009 - John Stencel, and 2010 - Dave and Jan Thompson.

Business The Appreciation award started in 2004 and the newest award is the Brick award for 2011. Past recipients of the business award are: 2004 - Litehouse, 2005 -Ball's Softee Crème, 2006 - King Milling, 2007 -Cousins' Hallmark, 2008 - Lowell Granite, 2009 -Springrove Variety, 2010 -James Reagan.

This year, the following individuals and businesses will be recognized for their community involvement and outstanding service:

Person of the Year for 2011 is Joy Smith, Business Appreciation award goes to All-Weather Seal and the Brick award goes to Attwood and Main Street Inn.

Following are the criteria for the Person of the Year award who is chosen by a committee of of the last five year's of recipients:

Over time the candidate has freely donated considerable time to the community, school district, church or humanity, over and above the demands of regular profession.

The community is a better place to be because of the efforts of the candidate.

The candidate positively promotes community in word and action.

The candidate possesses new and innovative ideas that benefit the community.

The candidate cannot be a chamber board of foundation board member at the time of nomination.

The business award recipients must demonstrate outstanding service, community investment, employment opportunity and volunteer service to the Greater Lowell Community.

The Brick award goes to a chamber member who has shown substantial capital investment in improving an existing facility or in building a new facility.

The banquet will be held at the Grand Volute starting at 6 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Easy Idle bluegrass band. Reservation deadline is Feb. 8, 2011.





Business Appreciation award, continued

McDowell was honestly surprised about the award. "Being new in town and

with all the other businesses. I am surprised we got picked," McDowell said.

The basic core of the business are windows, siding and metal roofing.

Kelsey said she likes the very nice." people at work.

"Our product is high quality and serves the need," she said. "I am very excited Office manager Cindy about the nomination. It's

businesses outstanding community employment

for service. investment. opportunity

their

The award

recognizes and volunteer service to the Greater Lowell Community. Pastbusinessappreciation

awards went to Litehouse in 2004, Ball's Softee Creme in



DM SEMINARS

Free to the public, lose weight and stop smoking hypnotherapy on Wed., Feb. 2 at the Main Street Inn. Registration at 7 p.m., seminar 7:30-9:30 p.m. Contact David Miller at 231-288-5941 for additional information.

WRESTLING MATCH

The match vs. Greenville scheduled for Wed., Feb. 2 has been moved to Thurs., Feb. 3 at Lowell High School with the JV team starting at 6 p.m. and varsity starting at 7 p.m.

WINTER FEST

Come on out to the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center on Sat., Feb. 5 from 1-4 p.m. for Winter Fest. It will be an afternoon of snowshoeing, crafts and live animals.

BOOKS FOR BANKSHOTS

The Lowell basketball programs are proud to support literacy in our community by collecting books for The Alpha Women's Center. Help them help others by donating a new book, for ages five months to six years, in English and Spanish. Bring the books to school or to the varsity basketball game on Fri., Feb. 11 and receive \$2 off your tickets.

CAN DRIVE

Members of the boys' and girls' Lowell lacrosse teams will be collecting returnable beverage cans and bottles doorto-door throughout Lowell on Feb. 12, 9:45 a.m. - noon. Please save your empties and place them in bags or boxes for pickup. You may also drop them off at the high school during this same time frame.

CLASS OF 2015

Orientation will be held at Lowell High School on Tues., Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Parents and students are invited to learn about high school policies, requirements and opportunities. Teachers and group/ activity leaders will be available for questions.

FOLK ART WORKSHOP

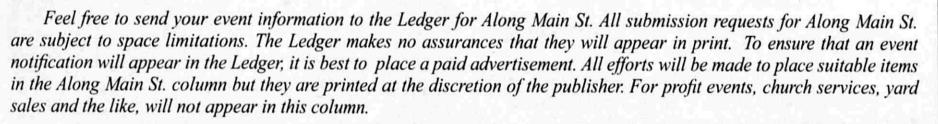
The Lowell Area Historical Society will be hosting a Michigan Folk Art Workshop for youth on Sat., Feb. 19 at the Wittenbach/Wege Center from 9 to 2. Activities will include arts and crafts that were popular in Michigan before the 1940s. Many of these crafts were originally done for utilitarian purposes. Classes include woodcarving, calligraphy and paper cutouts, Michigan samplers (embroidery and appliqué) and shop art. Class size is limited so register early! Call Linda at the museum, 897-7688, for more information and to register.

DRAWING, THEATRE and FELTING CLASSES

Lowell Area Arts Council is offering drawing, fiber felting and theatre classes beginning the last week of February. Call 897-8545 to register or visit www.lowellartscouncil.org for more information.

TAX ASSISTANCE

Free tax assistance is available at FROM. Please call 897 8260 to see if your family is eligible and to register. Taxes done Tuesdays, from noon to 9 p.m.





college news

The College for Creative Studies, in Detroit, is pleased to announce the graduation of Kirstin Anne Johnson on December 15, 2010. She graduated with honors receiving a fine

business **Matters**

Greenridge announced that Layle Lombardo received Realtor of the Month in January.

This award recognizes for Lombardo outstanding success and achievements

Layle Lombardo

Competitions start for Lowell's color guard

Lowell's color guard competed at Reeths Puffer High School in Muskegon on Jan. 29. Exit 52 placed second with a score of 52.90.

IT'S SUPERBOWL SATURDAY at **Spring Training** Indoor

Sports Center Spring Training will be hosting a PlayStation 3 Madden NFL 2011 football tournament or our 100" television screen this Saturday starting a 9:30 am.

Be sure to contact Spring Training to register prior to Saturday. Call 616-560-8889 or

visit their website at www.yourspringtraining.com

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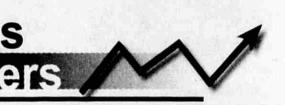
Lowell Granite in 2008,

and James Reagan in 2010.

2005, King Milling in 2006, Springrove Variety in 2009,

art degree, majoring in photography

Johnson is a 2006 graduate of Lowell High School and the daughter of Marcae Manting Johnson.



Realty her



Almost Home placed first with a score of 42.00. This was the first competition of the 2011 season. The next event will be held at West Bloomfield Hills High School on Feb.

19. The next home event with Exit 52 will be on March 12 at 7 p.m.

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Person of the Year, continued

community understand what the library does and to make it more user-friendly." she said.

like many organizations, the Friends are struggling to find volunteers nowadays. For one thing, the volunteers are aging and the task at hand is to attract a younger population.

"We have an active book discussion group," she said. "We want to start an evening program for working women, an evening discussion club to get some interest in the library."

Smith said the museum has the same problem with the lack of volunteers. She logs in 500 miles a month placing ads, making today." bank deposits, setting up

book sales, and lining up volunteers.

The library had successful midwinter book sale last Friday and Saturday. The other big book sale is held during the Riverwalk on the lawn in front of the library.

"It's a humbling experience to be singled out for the award," said Smith "Volunteering is what I do."

Smith also volunteers at Saint Mary's Church.

"I have the support of my husband Eugene," said Smith. "I enjoy getting thank you letters from schools from giving tours."

Smith likes to be able to say at the end of the day, "Okay, I did a good job



sales.

Murray Lake spaghetti dinner a big hit

The fifth graders from Murray Lake Elementary School held their annual spaghetti dinner this past Saturday. The proceeds earned from this annual the dinner go toward fifth graders' April camp at Camp experience Ebersole.

Over 400 people came silent auction held. Many in for the silent auction Chloe Looman. Murray Lake fifth-grade items. This will cut the cost the dinner, which added to

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donate their time to the grader Courtney Lubbers. event. It went very well and everyone seemed to have a very good time," said event coordinator and fifth-grade teacher, Mike Fillman.

Fillman continued, " also want to thank all our parents who helped us especially those who went above and beyond with their time. We could not have done it without them." "Many people came and

The dinner brought in we raised a lot of money for out to participate in the over \$4,000 in profit and our camp. Everyone had a dinner. There was also a more money is still coming great time," said fifth grader

"We had to dress up parents donated the food for of fifth-grade camp in half. nicely and do all the jobs. We grade staff members, Paul "It is a great event. The also had to make all of our the amount of profit earned. kids did a wonderful job own advertisements for the working the event. We had event. It was hard work, but several of our staff members well worth it," added fifth



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Joy Smith loves volunteering for the Friends of the Englehardt Library. Smith enjoys annual book

"Eating the spaghetti was the best part of the night!" commented fellow fifth grader Ethan Kaminski.

Fillman and fellow fifth-

Jacobus and Julie Fuss, plan on running the event for the fifth consecutive year next January, so mark your calendars.



sharing the vision

"Gloomy Pessimism or A Beacon of Light?"

hard, people are anxious, who's contemplating their and given the state of our career choice to become a world, it's easy to be a teacher if they truly want to pessimist. In recent days, make a difference in the life President Obama delivered of our nation and in the life a State of the Union of a child. He went on to say address. and Snyder delivered a State of a classroom, it should be a the State address, both of place of high expectations which instilled optimism and high performance. about plans for economic He emphasized that the recovery for Michigan and for our country.

Address, Governor Snyder because it's family that first shared a vision to reinvent Michigan and specifically in a child. He posed the spoke about doing "more" question if we as citizens. to help students achieve and as parents are willing academic success. He spoke to do what's necessary to of innovation, the need for give every child a chance to a system that focuses on real achievement for all of our children, and giving children tools for success in President Obama were their adult lives.

speech, President Obama that the staff and students

Times have been very urged every young person Governor that when a child walks into responsibility begins not in our classrooms, but in our In his State of the State homes and communities instills the love of learning succeed.

ndent Greg Prat

from Words Governor Snyder and inspiring. But, what is really In his State of the Union inspiring for me is to know ledger

working on many exciting instructional including MEAP data, deep discussions surrounding goals, Education YES!, school professional mprovement. RTI earning. nterventions. just to name a few? Did you know that eachers across the district are integrating Universal Design for Learning which approaching lesson design engage students in authentic take the Measures to learn in a variety of ways? Project methods provide students with relevant standards-21st century skills, and it mastery. With regard

at Lowell Area Schools aim know that for years our high and these initiatives district has received an are well underway in ungualified opinion which our classrooms. Did you is the best rating possible know that our teachers are from the district's auditing firm? Quality audits and implementation of quality finance procedures results analysis of preliminary in a fiscally responsible organization. Our teachers meet the highly qualified status required by the State of Michigan and, beginning next year, will be evaluated on an annual basis. terms of innovation, our teachers infuse technology like the classroom clicker system, Mobi Boards, s a systematic way of Smart Boards, document cameras, premier software, hat encompasses all learners Kindles, and Netbooks. Our rom the beginning rather students shine academically. than teaching and then since 2008, student ACT designing interventions after and MEAP scores are well the fact for those who did above the state average. Did not learn? Did you know we you know that our students of project based learning Academic Progress (MAP) activities which allow them test and score above the national norms? Our kids based learning are prepared and ready to compete. They are science fair winners, MIT scholars, focused projects, it teaches and nationally recognized robotic team champions. demonstration They will be our next Sharing the Vision, continued, page 7

health

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

The anterior cruciate when you try to put weight ligament (ACL) is a band on that leg. Your doctor will of tissue that keeps the knee examine your knee to see if joint in place. It connects the ACL is torn. You may the femur (thigh bone) to also need x-rays and other the tibia (the main bone in scans, your lower leg). Your ACL To treat an ACL injury. can tear during a contact or you should ice the knee for noncontact injury. A contact 20 minutes every three to injury can happen when four hours. Keep the knee your leg is firmly planted on the ground and something hits it from either side.

Noncontact injuries occur when your knee is extended too far or when it twists too far. Activities with these types of movements include skiing, volleyball, basketball, soccer, football, and tennis.

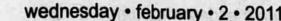
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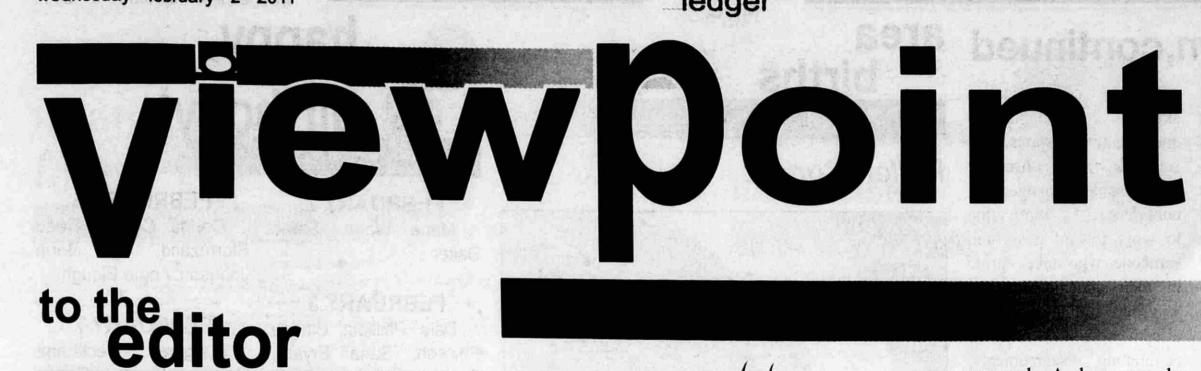
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raised when possible and use medications such as ibuprofen for the pain and swelling. It is important to do range-of-motion and strengthening exercises after the swelling starts to go down. Your doctor or a physical therapist can tell you what type of exercises to do. You may need surgery to repair an sound, followed by kneepain ACL tear. During surgery, and swelling, you may have doctors take tissue from an ACL tear. You might also another part of your body to



road construction raises questions

Dear Editor,

A headline in the Jan. 19 Lowell Ledger stated DDA contributes to North Center St. reconstruction. This article has brought to mind questions.

Why a mere \$36,501 towards the cost of \$241,000? The city council had to debate which road to do first, North Center St. or Sibley St. Wouldn't Lowell be better off if the DDA contributed more and then both roads could be done at the same time?

Doing both roads wouldn't add up to a mile of road, but it would be a start in the right direction. It would also show that both governing bodies are serious about replacing Lowell's city streets. Is

Lowell's leadership serious about replacing its road system? I have my doubts. It seems to me that they are more interested in the downtown area with the resurrection of the now defunct amphitheater.

Who's going resurrect 22 miles city roads if the city continues to promote needless projects? In my eyes, it's going to take a lot of DDA funding to help replace the city's roads and that's just logical hinking. Is the DDA up to the demand? Will the city council continue to support the DDA no matter the DDA's decision?

> Jim Howard Lowell



necessarily rule out all fishing needed to catch fish in the a pop-up shelter behind an opportunities in the winter. There are a few seasonal have patience and wait until Many fishermen choose to panfish at this time will be tap into technology to locate more challenging. Electronic and catch fish in comfort. I fish finders and underwater recently received a catalog cameras help locate scattered which offers no less than 44 fish. It may be necessary portable shelters which all to drill a lot of holes with and cost. The same catalog auger to chase them down. reels, clothing, electronic fish graphite rods with small

Frozen water doesn't about what he or she feels is

Lack of sunlight under regulations, like closed trout the ice depletes vegetation ice can still be streams, which require us to which reduces oxygen inexpensive, causing food to become productive. A short rod spring. Panfish, however, can scarce. Fish tend to move hold a hook and line and a be caught anytime if we adapt deeper and become less grub for bait is basically the methods we use to catch active as the winter wears all that is needed when them to current conditions. on. Consistently catching fish are biting on a popular passes, so do opportunities. differ in brand, style, size, an electric or gas powered lists a large selection of rods, Special ice line on short finders, underwater cameras, lures fished at the proper ice augers, sleds, lures, depth will draw bites which Sincerely, and heaters, all specifically can be detected on delicate manufactured and marketed spring indicators. Often fish yardstick in the world of qualities such as initiative, for ice fishermen. Every can be found within a foot work. Our new governor in empathy, adaptability and angler must make a decision off bottom, but sometimes the State of the State address

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo January 30, 1936

The construction of a "drive around," following the old original Lower Ada Road from M-21 at Ada. northwesterly to the oil station where the Lower Road intersects M-21 again, is urged in a petition addressed to Murray D. VanWagoner, state highway commissioner, which is being circulated by George Washburn. The proposed route would leave the present highway M-21 at the base of the first hill just west of Ada and rejoin it a few miles further on.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger February 2, 1961

February 17 will mark the 75th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer, sponsored by the United church women. It all started way back in 1987, Mrs. Darwin James, a Presbyterian, called for a national day of prayer for home missions. The purpose was to unite all Christians in a bond of prayer and Christian fellowship with others around the world and to make an offering for inter-denominational projects at home and abroad.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger February 5, 1986

A sidewalk snow removal ordinance seems to be a topic that is at least as slippery as the sidewalks themselves. A public hearing on the subject was re-opened at Monday's meeting of the Lowell City Council to a considerably smaller audience than when the issue first surfaced in January.

Members of the Lowell Board of Education and administration disclosed, Monday night at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lowell Booster's club, that it has received a \$50,000 gift from an anonymous donor to build a new baseball field.



125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal February 5, 1886

Tom Collins is in the Ingham county jail. Some yea ago he was a man much sought after.

Dentist J.H. Rickert, of Kalamazoo, made Lowell a visit a few days ago. He is well pleased with his new home and the prospects for business there.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger February 2 1911

Headline: Wreck at Elmdale

Two Pere Marguette freight trains, Nos. 345 and 337, extras, came together Wednesday morning about 4:45 o'clock while running between Elmdale and Lowell, severely injuring three of the crew of one train, making a veritable slaughter house out of a car full of sheep, and piling up engines and cars in a most picturesque way. The wreck is said to have been caused through a brakeman allowing one train to pass Lowell for Elmdale, while the returning train, to which he was attached, had the right of way

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Dave Stegehuis

suspend. A lure can be delivered directly to the fish using a sonar flasher which will track both the fish and a tiny lure. A handheld GPS will guide an angler pulling anglers. ATV to the hot-spot.

the Fishing through and vet to lake. Locating a group of fishermen will put one on the fast-track to a mess of fish. Just be sure to respect the space of your fellow

Remember, there is no such thing as safe ice, so always exercise extreme caution and a great deal of common sense. There is still time to get out and catch a mess of panfish. Pav attention to the seasons in Michigan because as time



Emotional I.Q. is a new has emphatically expressed the importance of jobs for people in Michigan. These articles will give those searching for jobs an edge in teams and know when to on what some employers are looking for in their new employees. The information is taken from Daniel Goleman's book, Working with Emotional Intelligence.

What Goleman contends is that the rules in the world of work are changing. Academic abilities are not as important as they used to be. The new standard takes for granted that a person has enough intellectual become smarter (I.Q.'s ability and technical knowhow to do the job. These standards. focus

Kathryn Denhouter Ph.D.

persuasiveness. We become more employable when we have the "soft" skills such as getting along with others. It helps when we can work contribute to our ideas in an engaging way.

Daniel Goleman has predicted a coming crisis: "A rising IQ, but a dropping EO." What he means by this is that the more facts that we gather without the people skills necessary to communicate pertinent information. the more ineffective we become at our jobs. As children

> Ask Kathryn, continued, page 6

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Ask Kathryn, continued

Planning A Wedding?

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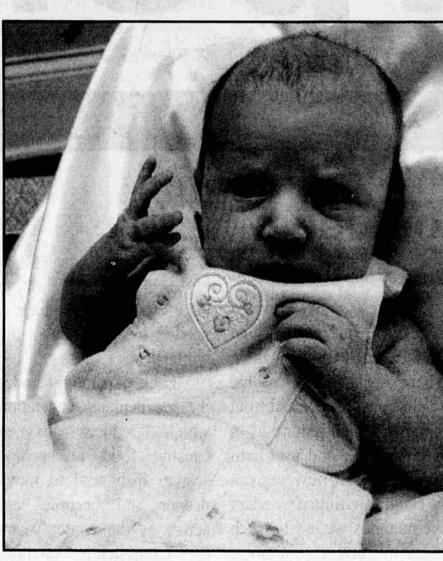
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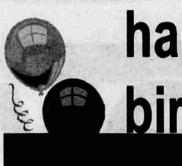
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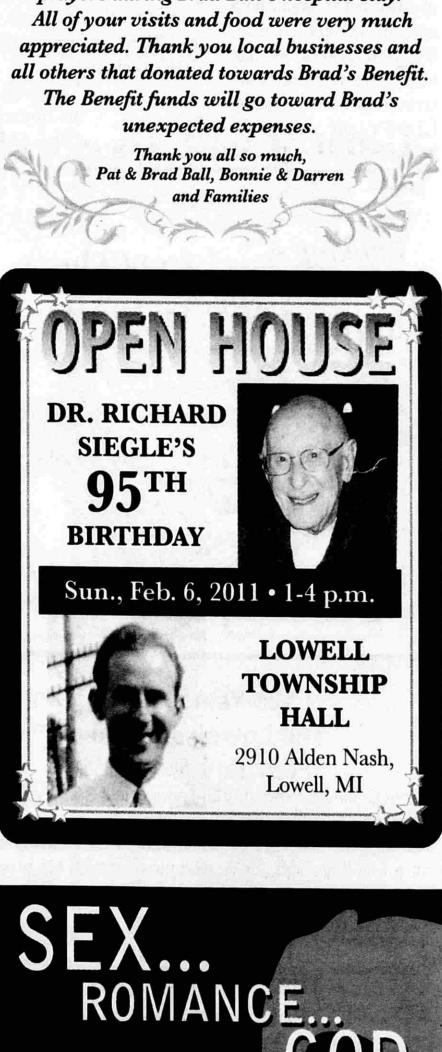
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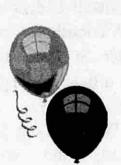
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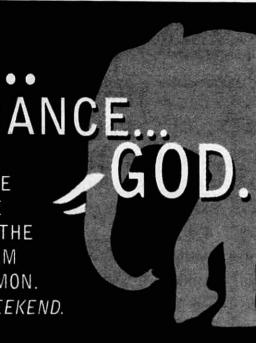
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Business owners need their own "quarterback"

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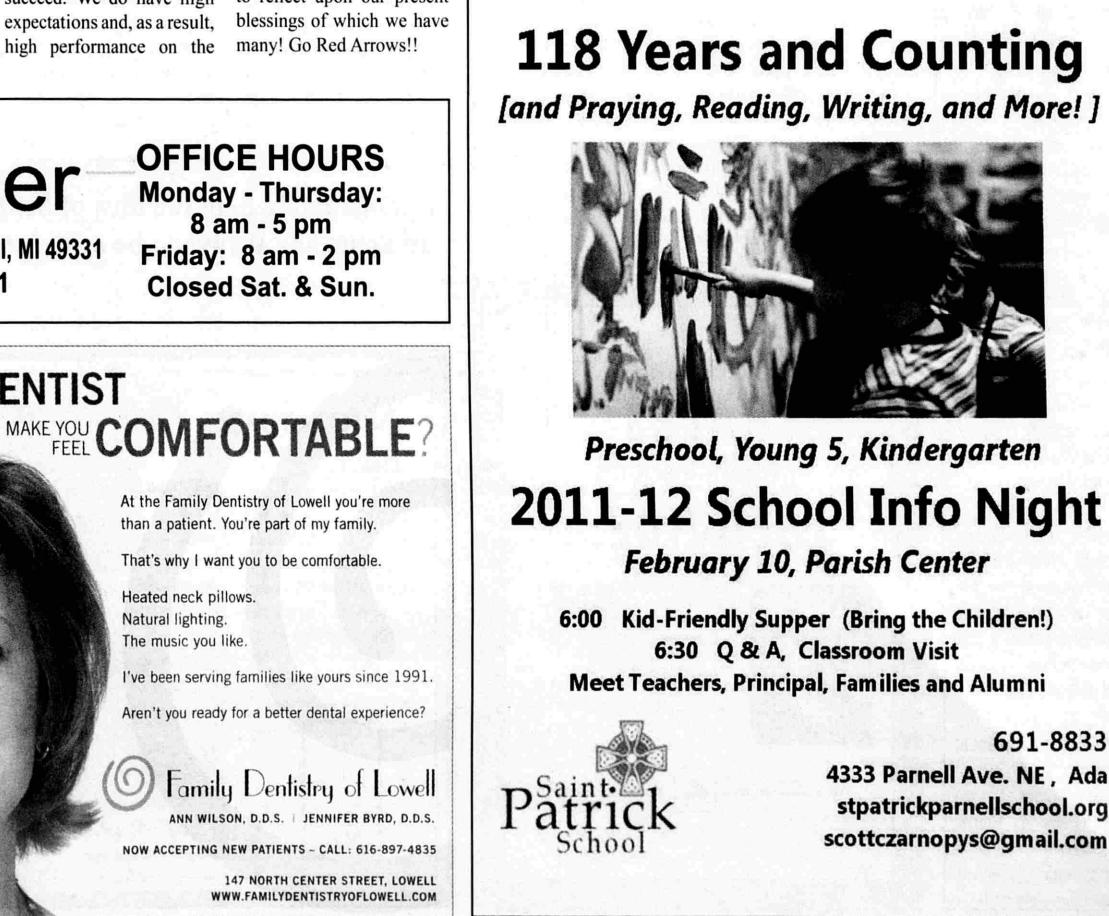
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Dave Emmette

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disability policies

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Quiet artist creates thundering work inspired by water

by Emma Palova

Dykstra, sporting a blouse with greens, blues, purples and golds, talks about her work now on display at the Fire and Water Art Gallery. She is the featured artist for February.

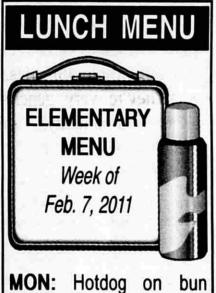
Her ultimate love for water has taken Dykstra from portraying fish using the pointillism technique to her stunning 'Falling Water' and 'High Water' series.

As a self-taught artist, with classes from Kathleen Conover and gallery owner Kathleen Mooney, Dykstra likes to experiment with different techniques.

"I've always liked water and waterfalls," she said. "Water is incorporated in much of my work."

Her love for water has prevailed even though twice she almost drowned, once by Long Island where she grew up and the second time while kayaking after a storm on Thornapple River.

Last fall, she painted in Marquette imaginary waterfalls during a



(stacked ham & cheese bagel also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), potato wedges, baby carrots, mixed fruit,

TUES: Pancakes cereal w/Graham crackers each w/scrambled eggs orange smiles, apple juice,

WED: Chicken nugget mashed potato bowl & wheat roll (tuna salad sandwich also offered a Alto, Cherry Creek Murray Lake), mashed potatoes/gravy, fresh seasonal fruit, milk.

Cheeseburger THURS: on bun (beef teriyaki dippers w/wheat roll also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), broccoli florets w/ranch, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

FRI: Nachos w/meat, shredded cheese (3 meat sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad w romaine, refried beans w/ cheese, pineapple, milk.

workshop with Conover. Quiet and shy, Marylu The 'Falling Water Series' was the product of her stay up North.

> The mixed media pieces breathe with life in bold greens, purples, blues and golds. She uses gesso for the white foam. To create the old-fashioned feeling, depth and texture, Dykstra uses many layers of colors and scrapes them with a palette knife.

"They're contemporary and old-fashioned at the same time," she said.

The thundering falls with white foam roar from Dykstra's paintings.

"I am inspired by the sound, the power of water,' she said. "It is strong but soft. It flows, you get enveloped by it."

She has always wanted to do a series that is somehow connected, but yet different. "These give a sense of almost prehistoric, primal earth," Dykstra said about "There is no indication that coming in and building up. humans touched it."

sounds, as well as more than sparkling with excitement. cloud cover," she said. just two dimensions. They entice, draw in and move marvelous water in the storm with action.

Her 'High Water' series and bigger paintings. captured the progression of last year's Labor Day gale progression of the storm," over Lake Michigan. While she said. "I was knocked camping at Mears State Park down several times. I near Pentwater, Dykstra enjoyed the swells." watched the onset of the strong wind.

At first Dykstra stood on the lake to feel the power of early in the morning. the water. She went in with a life jacket and a partner, glistened," she said. never fearing for a moment. The waves would throw to move in, along with the them back or roll over them, rain, and the waves crested on other occasions the sandy with froth caps. bottom would just disappear



Marylu Dykstra with mixed media stunning series 'High Water' and 'Falling Water.'

under their feet. The swells 'The Falling Water' series. kept rolling and rolling, second painting.

Looking at Dykstra's sand churning up, the waves of the waves and no more waves were gray as steel, work is a lot like watching creating a wall and then you caps Avatar. Dykstra's paintings stepped into a hole," she literally have motion and said, her deep brown eyes pronounced with a thicker water.

> She captured the in a series of several smaller

"I watched The spectacle was

storm brought in by 70-mile stunning, much like the series that captured it.

the beach, but then went into series shows calm waters "The water

Then the clouds started

"It was cold boiling,"

said Dykstra about the series is much like the first,

"You had that sense of shows constant churning disappears. Even though the

into total chaos with the "It was 68 degrees." horizon almost disappearing and the moon peeking out feelings before, during and the in the background. At the after the storm. height of the storm, the waves were 15-feet high. The peak of the storm is invigorating and exciting." Dykstra's favorite painting.

said. "The swells bring you up and go over your head. Dykstra was disappointed. The first painting in the The undertow is strong. We were driven down the beach very dramatic in texture and cried in the car. It's an and had to fight our way contrast. The paintings bring amazing life's experience. just back."

The last painting in the drama.

everything calms down The third painting again and the sustained wind Dykstra used greens to "The horizon was more portray the warmth of the

"It was warm enough to LLC, in Alto. She works as Then everything turned go into the water," she said. a strategic planner mostly

Dykstra compared the

"At first it was calm and serene, then the storm was Dykstra, fulfills her lifelong she said. "I wanted to be in "We were intrepid," she the water."

When it was all over,

I passionately hate the idea of being with it, I think an artist has always to be out of step with his time.





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for non-profits. "I am excited to help organizations and to see their results," she said.

But

"It feels like you're in

the dark, on a field looking

at the waterfall," she said

"You're feeling the night air,

you hear the water. It brings

company, Sirius Resources

Dykstra owns her own

me right into the scene."

dream to be an artist. Dykstra joined the gallery in 2008 following an

painting for

invitation from Mooney. "I went home and I Both water series are cried," she said. "I actually the viewer into their own It's a whole new life."

- Orson Welles (1915 - 1985)

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Attwood Corporation to receive Brick award

by Emma Palova

The brand new Brick award, based on capital investment in the industrial category, will go to Attwood Corp. for a total investment of \$3 million into consolidation and expansion over the last five years.

created approximately 50 jobs.

"We're very excited to receive this award," said president Chris Drees. "Lowell is a great place to do business. We're hoping to continue expansions in the future. We've added employment for the

community and we are pleased with the quality of people in the community and the ability to hire talented employees.'

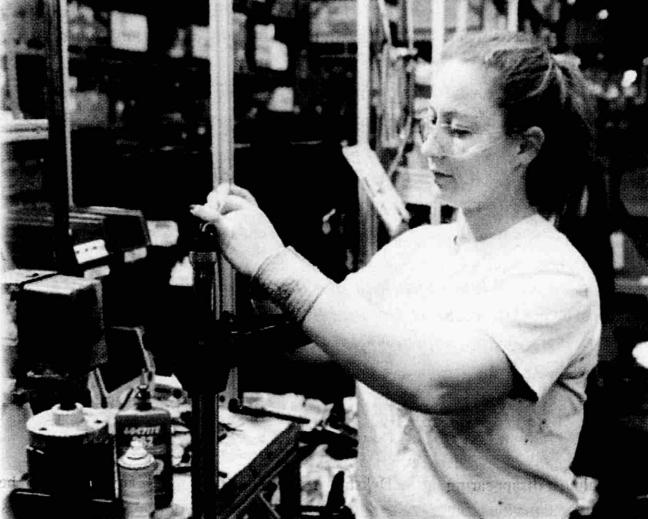
The consolidations include Swivl-Eze for seat bases from Lancaster, TX, and the consolidation of These expansions have MotorGuide from Tulsa, OK. The manufacturing and distribution facility has been expanded due to growth.

> "We have a great relationship with the city," said Peter Zimmer, vicepresident of finance.

> Drees said the company is looking at positive trends in sales in the future.



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MotorGuide assembly operator Andrea Lamance. MotorGuide makes trolling motors.

bases.

said Drees.

has been an increase in sales in each year and growth hiring right now at www. award. Brunswick.com.

Attwood Brunswick in 2003 and leases 280,000 square feet from Steelcase. With each expansion also came new tooling and

equipment.

Main Street Inn to take home Brick award

by Emma Palova Greg Canfield is best known for his relentless efforts to preserve historical buildings in the downtown area, often taking great risks.

His latest brave venture was the complete restoration of three buildings on the northeast side of the bridge. The buildings were slated for demolition by the city code.

But Canfield didn't want to see the heart of historic downtown perish with the buildings. With the help of Downtown Development Authority funds, totaling \$30,000 for the bridge foundation, Canfield embarked on a long journey.

This journey included the strengthening of the foundation in the water. original two-story look. And a new hotel, the Main Street Inn, opened for business in December.

"It's always great to be said. recognized for hard work," Brick award for retail.

His investment into the building totaled \$400,000 and the outcome is beautiful inside and outside. The reception cage, made from brass and cast iron, comes from a 1900s State Bank in Byron Center.

Canfield purchased the cage without any specific plans 10 years ago.

"I thought I might use since they didn't meet the it someday," he said. "This is the perfect location for it. It's a nice focal point."

> More over, the cage is also functional protecting the receptionist from rowdy visitors.

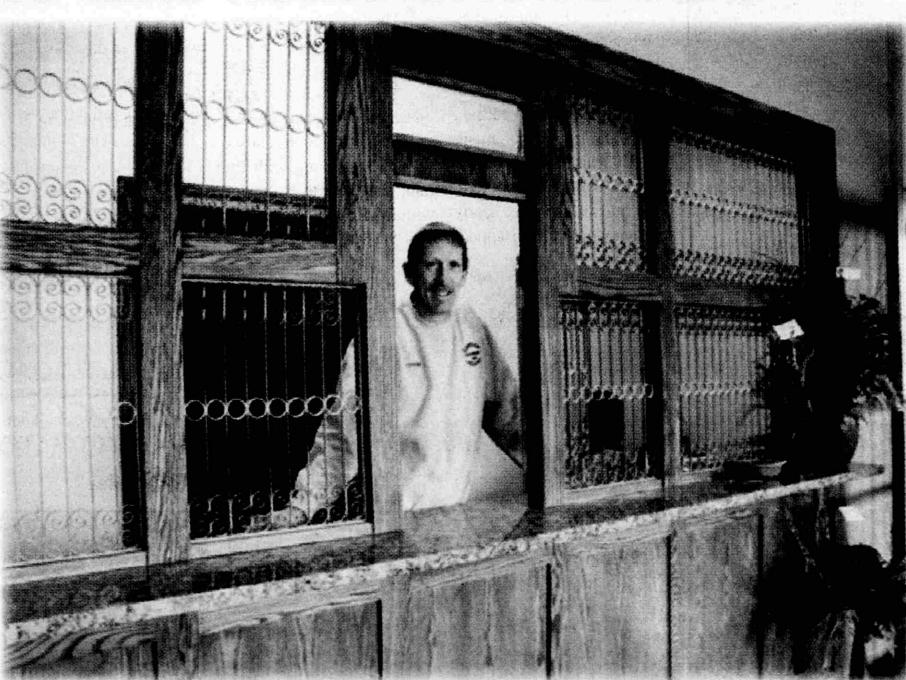
"You can close the gate," he said.

And even though business was good in December due to all the downtown activities, it has now slowed down.

But Canfield is already complete gutting of the accepting reservations for buildings and recreating the spring and summer. He encourages locals to come for \$99 a room, including and spend the night.

> "I want local people to come and stay with us," he coupons.

said Canfield about the Valentine's special from time at the Inn. Feb. 11 through Feb. 14



Greg Canfield in the brass and cast iron cage inside the Main Street Inn.

champagne, flowers and downtown shopping

His daughter Leslie He is offering a McCracken works part the journey," she said.

the second se

Swivl-Eze CNC set up technician Ryan Grider. Swivl-Eze makes seat

However, internally there

"We believe the marine being in Lowell," said market hit bottom in 2010," Zimmer. "The city is very supportive. It's a win win for everybody.'

City manager Dave Pasquale said Attwood in hiring. The company is definitely is worthy of any

> Pasquale. "They transferred jobs and added new jobs to the community."

The company received two mega grants from the Michigan Economic "We're excited about Development Corporation

(MEDC) and two individual tax abatements, for 12 years from the state, for additional personal property, machinery and equipment.

Pasquale said company benefits community with their chili "They have added jobs cook-off fundraiser. Pasquale to to the community," said was one of the judges last year. The money went to Flat River Outreach Ministries.

"They're very generous to the community." said Pasquale.

"It's fun to be a part of The individual rooms

are luxuriously appointed furniture from Klingman's. The biggest rooms, one overlooking

the Showboat, has been named after an icon in the community, Ivan Blough. The other room, Canfield named after himself

"This is a first time

award," he said. "I am very excited."

The room prices range from \$85 to \$125 and \$995 for the whole building.

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Red Arrow

Each week, Shane Beach will visit Lowell High School athletes to find out a bit more about each one and get a closer look at the On Sports kids we're all so proud of in the

This Weeks' Athletes: Elliot Drain, senior, and Sam Steed, senior Sport: Lowell Boys' Varsity Basketball

	What	posi	tion	do y	ou	play	and
1	why do						

ED: Forward because I'm one of the taller kids on the team even though I'm only 6'2".

SS: Guard because I'm a little quicker and shoot pretty well.

Are you quicker than Elliott? Side to side probably but not up and down.

What is your signature move on the court?

- ED: The dunk. One power dribble then dunk!
- SS: The jumper.

What will you take with you that coach McDonald has stressed to each of you while playing for him?

- ED: Whether we're up by five or down by 10 or even 30, you have to keep playing. It's never over till it's over.
- Things may not always go your way and you just have to fight through it and do SS: your best all the time.

Any pregame rituals?

How do you get pumped up for a game?

- Usually go to the bathroom before a game, then I listen to scream-o type hard-ED: core music to get pumped up.
- SS: I sleep for 45 minutes and I like to have a granola bar before games.

What's the biggest breakout basketball game

- you've ever had and who was it against? ED: My sophomore year, my first game on Varsity I scored 14 points against Cedar Springs.
- My sophomore year on JV, I hit five three-pointers against Northview. SS:

Have either of you ever been dunked on?

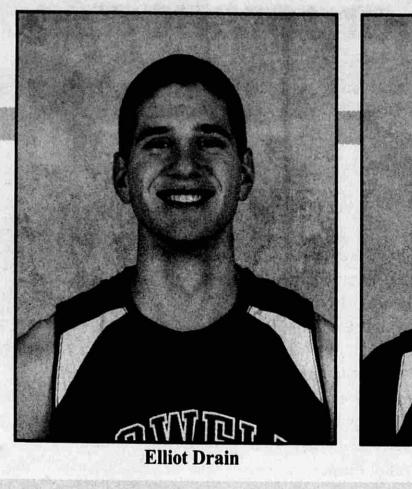
ED: Yea, against Reeths Puffer Chris Anderson three-sixtied it (jumped, did a complete turn 360 degrees in the air) and dunked over me from across the lane.

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SS: Never in a game, but Elliot dunks over me in practice.

You guys hang out outside the gym? **Doing what? Hobbies?**

- Yes, me and Sam play baseball and train for that. I lift a lot and like to hang with friends. SS: Like he said, we hang out a lot with baseball and also we have team bonding after
- Friday night games, just hanging out to get to know each other even better.

What's in your iPod right now?

ED: A Day To Remember (a scream-o band). I like classic rock, Led Zepplin and even Queen. SS:

What would you like our community to know about you and the Lowell basketball program that they might not know otherwise?

Beginning of the season, we only had two practices as a whole team (with everyone present) before games started. We went through some struggles early but now everyone is back and we're all healthy. Same thing, just didn't have everyone which makes it tough to practice. Now SS. we have everyone and we're coming together and should be a good second half of the season.

Are the two of you involved in other school activities or sports?

	other sensor activities of
ED:	Not really involved in any clubs but we are inv
	concerts, lift weights and hang out with friends
SS:	I play football, basketball and baseball. I like to

Do you have any role models and idols?

Being an athlete and looking at athletes, I'd say I look up to the entire Detroit Tigers Baseball team and also look up to my family too. My dad has always set a great example, he does a lot in my life and other's lives. SS: Also Tim Huttinga (former Lowell student athlete), the way he lived his life and the way he acted the right way.

Parents? Brothers and sisters?

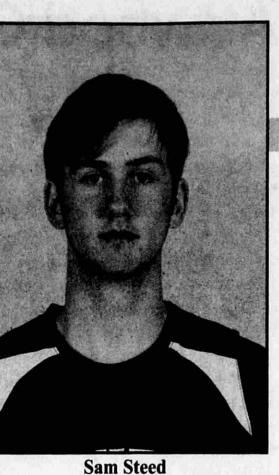
Parents, David; mom, Doris; brother, Ethan; and sister, Ellie. ED: Doug and Roxanne; sister, Aubrey; and brothers, Steve and Gabe. SS:

Anything else?

ED: Come out and support us. We like to see fans there, adults, students and kids of all ages. It helps motivate us and helps us play better. SS: Be ready for a good second half!



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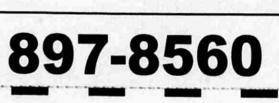


volved in baseball. I do like music

to hang out and study as well.



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Red Arrow

Low/Cal hockey wins 5-4 in tight played game over Unity then come out on fire and coast to victory over GR Christian

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out with a lot of fire and determination in the first period and really took to Low/Cal (L/C). The Knights scored just six minutes into they were in for a battle to the game. Coach Beurer called a timeout, settled the team down and reminded them to play within the system as L/C spent a lot of time chasing the opponent. After one period L/C trailed Unity 0-1.

in the second period, they scoring twice in the first four minutes on the strength of two goals by Karson Arnold and assists going to Cam Steger, Jordan Swift, and Jake Rossman.

Tyler Bitterman added a goal in the second with assists going to Dennis tight 5-4 victory.

Basketball

Last Friday, Unity came and Colin Echelbarger. The second period ended with the score knotted at three each.

Coach Beurer knew start the third period.

"We came out strong again and were able to get the go ahead goal in the first minutes from Arnold with - 3 goals, 1 assist; Jake assists to Brandon Jamieson Rossman (CAL) - 1 goal, and Rossman," said Beurer. 2 assists; Tyler Bitterman

L/C started out fast later, L/C took a two-goal (CAL) - 1 assist; Brandon lead when Rossman scored Jamieson (CAL) - 1 assist; with assists by Braden Colin Echelbarger (CAL) -McGillicuddy and Arnold. 1 assist; Dennis Echelbarger Unity pulled within one (CAL) - 1 assist; Jordan just eight minutes later. L/C Swift (CAL) - 1 assist; really buckled down on the defensive end and was (LOW) - 1 assist. able to hold off Unity from scoring another goal for a victory over Unity. L/C Jamieson. GR Christian also

Coach Beurer added, "I was not happy with the start by our team at this game. However, it showed great character, by our team, to come back and hold on for a one-goal victory."

Leading the way to victory were scorers:

Karson Arnold (CAL) Less than four minutes (LOW) - 1 goal; Cam Steger and Braden McGillicuddy

After the late night

was still able to come out found the net as they scored Saturday with their legs under them and on fire with four goals in the first period against Grand Rapids Christian (GR Christian). Cam Steger, Karson Arnold, and Adam Hubert all chipped in the first period. This hot start forced the GR Christian goalie to take a seat in place of the back- Rossman and Jordan Swift.

After the intermission, GR Christian came out with much more intensity and was able to get a goal, but the net with assists going to Andrew Light and Brandon

- Wrestling **Arrow wrestlers topple Northview** Submitted by Nancy Dood

After quick start **Lowell Red Arrows** fall to Northview

a daunting task playing the Northview Wildcats, even with the Wildcats. led by All-conference players Darren Kapustka to get some isolations in and Kevin Rich. Coach the post for Griffin Brenk McDonald knew his team needed to play a flawless

game. Lowell jumped out to a quick 5-2 start, Red Arrows 71-44. but a scoring frenzy by Northview put the Wildcats 70 points to a team. J up 17-7 at the end of the fact, it's not common for first quarter.

their lead to 35-14 at the half. A combination of fast breaks by Northview and turnovers by the McDonald. "This group Red Arrows led to easy has been fighters so far transition baskets and a despite our record, but on few triples by Northview.

In the third quarter, we normally do." Justin Castro knocked down a triple, but it wasn't enough as the shots kept falling in for the Cats.

Blake Lyman brought some energy as he chipped in seven points and Alec we're playing. We've been Roerig scored eight.

Lowell went to a smaller, tough challenge when you quicker lineup and attacked don't get the end results the rim aggressively. This (wins) that you want," he allowed them to spread the added. floor with a lot of second-

The Red Arrows had half success and the Red Arrows played almos

Lowell was also able and Dan Wernet.

In the end, the Wildcats proved to be too much as they topped the

"We rarely give up teams to score in the 60's Northview extended on us, but their pressure defense caused turnovers which led to layups or the other end," said coach Friday we didn't fight like

"My goal is to have our kids be 'comfortable and confident' going in to each game. That's our goal as a coaching staff no matter what our record or who emphasizing that. Helping In the fourth quarter, kids with confidence is a

The Lowell Red Arrow wrestlers are looking strong heading into the toughest part of the season, the postseason, just one week away.

Wednesday night the Arrows took on perennial conference foe Northview, winning 10 of 14 matches, coming away with a 46-18 victory.

Junior Gabe Morse, er pins his opranked number one at 140 lbs, took on number three Segel in the ranked Joe Preston. A takedown in the first period gave Morse a 2-0 lead. Morse scored again, with an escape point in the second, taking a 3-0 lead after two periods In the third, Morse was able to ride Preston tough till the end where Preston scored an escape. Morse won 3-1. In the next match of the night, senior Dan Fleet won a close match against a very tough Ben Clinkscale, 1-0. Each wrestler took several shots but neither was able to score in the first period. Fleet took the down position to begin the second period, scoring an escape for the only scoring of the match.

Other winners for Lowell were seniors, Zach Jeffries, Jake Lynema and Wade Schlosser; juniors, Gabe Dean, Calvin Meyer, Andrew Morse and Jake Stehley; and freshman Garrett Stehley.

On Wednesday, Feb.

a shot on his opponent Ben Clinkscale.

first period.

Fleet.

thirty-one seconds with remaining in period two.

It appeared that GR Christian was getting to every loose puck in period three as they pulled within a goal. With just over a minute remaining, Steger got a power-play goal with a feed from Jake GR Christian pulled their goalie and was able to add one more goal with eleven seconds remaining, but L/C won the game 6-5. Coach L/C answered right back Beurer stated, "I was happy team."

L/C has improved to -2 assists.

11-7 overall and remain undefeated at 8-0 in conference play.

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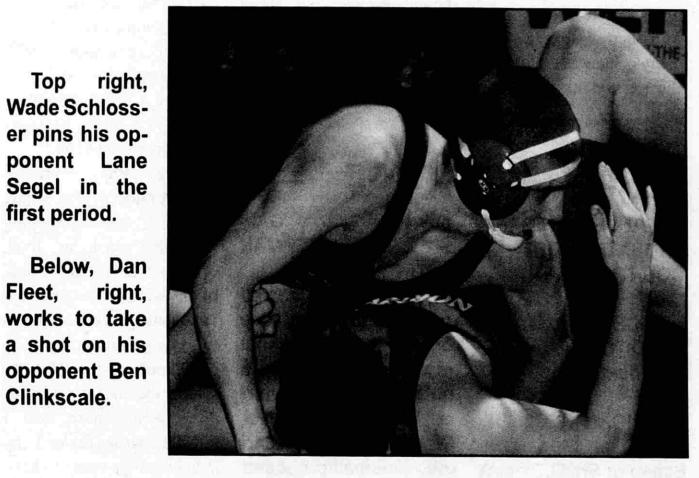
The L/C team travels to West Ottawa Wednesday night for another conference game at the Edge Arena in Holland.

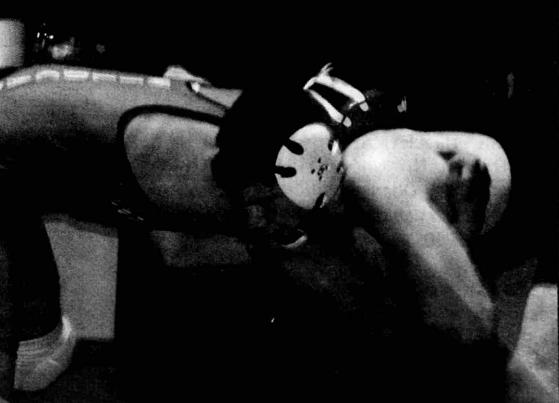
Cam Steger (CAL) - 3 goals; Karson Arnold (CAL) - 1 goal, 2 assists; Tage Green (CAL) - 1 goal; Adam Hubert (LOW) - 1 goal; Braden McGillicuddy (LOW) - 1 assist; Jordan Swift (CAL) - 2 assists; Dennis Echelbarger - 1 assist; Andrew Light (LOW) with a goal of their own less to hear the horn sound the -1 assist; Brandon Jamieson than a minute later. Tage end of the third period and (CAL) - 1 assist; Jake Green found the back of notch another win for the Rossman (CAL) - 1 assist; and Tyler Bitterman (LOW)

conference rival Greenville p.m. at home. Both are ranked in Division II with Lowell in third and Greenville in fourth place. JV matches will begin at 6 p.m with varsity

conference meet at Grand team districts.

2, the Arrows take on in action at approximately 7 Rapids Christian beginning at 9 a.m. The following The Red Arrows will Wednesday, Feb. 9, the Red then begin postseason on Arrow wrestlers will travel Saturday, Feb. 5, with the to Ionia High School for





obituaries

MOORHEAD

James William Moorhead, age 71, of Lowell, passed away January 30, 2011 in Lowell. He was born August 14, 1939 in Ionia the son of Arthur and Thelma (Lee) Moorhead. James married Rosarita Costigan January 29, 1999. He worked for General Motors in Lansing for 28 years before retiring. He attended the First Congregational Church of Lowell. James is survived by his loving wife of 12 years Rosarita Moorhead of Lowell; sons, Douglas J. Moorhead of Lansing, Mel (Julie) Tabor of Ohio, and Jim (Josie) Tabor of Charlotte; daughters, Mitzie (Joe) Richards of Barrington, Raye (Robert) Owen of Middleton, Roxane White of Florida, Rhonda (Samuel) Butters of Charlotte, and Justyne White of Florida; 17 grandchildren; and several greatgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Evelyn; and son, Phillip. Funeral services wil be held Wednesday, 11 a.m. at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. Chris Schwab officiating, Anvone wishing may make online condolences at www. lakefuneralhomes.com.

Give yourself some credit -**Social Security credit**

By Vonda VanTil, Social Security

Public Affairs Specialist Sometimes people don't give themselves enough credit. If you work and pay

Social Security taxes, you're earning credit for yourself every payday. This is credit that will pay off later in life when it comes time for retirement, or in the event that you become disabled and are unable to work. It's also credit that can help your family if you die early and need to provide for those who depend on you.

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up to the maximum of four vou became disabled. credits per year. Most people credits) to be eligible for a worker's family to qualify retirement benefits.

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Security benefits by earning generally need 1 1/2 years Social Security credits when of work (six credits) in chart that shows exactly you work in a job or are self- the three years before you employed and pay Social became disabled. At age 31 Security payroll taxes. In or older, you generally need 2011, you receive one credit at least 20 credits in the 10 for each \$1,120 of earnings, years immediately before socialsecurity.gov.

> In most cases, about 10 survivors benefits. for

Essays explore how hot water makes student lives better

Three

attached.

School teachers were the

without names and schools

'I absolutely hate school.'

The winning essay was

by Thornapple Kellogg High

writers received \$100.

"I am glad I wasn't

by Patricia Johns Staff Writer

A special celebration at Bradford White Corporation in Middleville Saturday, Jan. 22, required those attending to wear eye and ear protection. Students from Grand Rapids, Hastings, Lowell and Thornapple Kellogg school districts whose parents work at Bradford White celebrated the end of this year's essay contest.

Scimeca, Tony of Design Temperature/Hot Water 911 in Chicago, is a supplier Bradford White, a water heater manufacturer in Middleville. In 2010, he was the sponsor of an essay contest. He and Bradford White Vice President Eric Lannes worked with Thornapple Kellogg Middle School teacher Mary McLellen on the 2010 essays. She was the judge of those essays, as well.

She died soon after the the contest last year because 2010 contest was concluded. his mom was a factory Her family helped the worker who had a big impact school establish the "Just on his life. He decided to Let 'em Read" book corner sponsor the contest, with the at the TKMS school library. topic "What my parent's job Lannes told the group at at Bradford White means to the 2011 essay celebration me" for the second year. that the company made a donation to the corner last year and will make another judges. They read the essays one this year.

Essays were submitted to the 2011 contest by Maki Agostini, Rachel Belson, the judge," Scimeca told Daniel, Mallory and Tatiana the essay writers and their Gallivan, Jonte Jefferson, parents Saturday, "My Wyatt Owen, Jordan and favorite essay this year was Sabriah Postma, Taylor by Taima especially the line, Tripp and Taima Willett.

Agostini, Belson, the He also enjoyed reading Postmas and Tripp attend the about her chickens, Nyx, Thornapple Kellogg schools. Natalya, Rock, Bacon, Eggs The Gallivans attend school and Number 5. Lowell, Jefferson in Grand Rapids, and Owen and Willett in Hastings. Scimeca told the 11

young writers that he started

LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

Estate of SHIRLEY MAY the named/proposed in her winning essay. "I have from all the work he has KLOOSTERMAN, Date personal representative never sat down to look at the done that day. All that just of birth: 06/05/1935.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: decedent, SHIRLEY MAY (P45285) KLOOSTERMAN, who lived at 13886 Oberley Dr., Lowell, Michigan, died 12/19/2010.

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presented S. and MARK or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court future, the job my dad has the date of publication to live. As I myself plan to family he loves." of this notice.

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leave, it scares me to think



Students from the Grand Rapids, Hastings, Lowell and Thornapple Kellogg school districts whose parents work at Bradford White in Middleville wrote essays on the topic "what my parent's job at Bradford White means to me," include, front row, left to right: Sabriah Postma, Taylor Tripp, Jordan Postma, Wyatt Owen, Daniel Gallivan, and Tatiana Gallivan, back row, left to right: Taima Willett, Rachel Belson, Jonte Jefferson, donor Tony Scimeca, Mallory Gallivan and Maki Agostini. (Photo by Patricia Johns)

School senior Taylor Tripp. are struggling just to pay has the best job at Bradford important the work is. Her complete essay the bills. Bradford White White. His job helps us help accompanies this article. She Corporation has relieved people in Mexico." received a \$1,000 first place some of the stress off of my prize. The other 10 essay parents' backs. For this, I Mallory wrote that life got thank them. I get to come much better for the family "Whether it is spring, The essays expressed home, eat food, and spend with nine children. the gratitude of the young time with my family. From to GAIL writers for providing them I have my support, my job at Bradford White, my warmth or to cool down." KLOOSTERMAN necessities such as food, drive, my strength to make mom could stay home and clothing and shelter. Several something of my life. From we could rent a house," that one of the things her dad KLOOSTERMAN, named of the writers also mentioned my dad and his job I have TO personal representative "awesome parties" and visits found confidence to take the less stressed, as well." world by the horns and just "Looking into the put myself out there."

Agostini wrote, "I know FILE NO. 11-189723-DE at 13440 Forest River gives a lot more than I is not easy some days- he Ct. SE, Lowell and thought," wrote Taylor Tripp comes home just plain tired within 4 months after amount of money it costs so he can provide for the

> Rachel Belson wrote that with the economy and "Bradford White gives me recession, people all over a lot to be thankful for. My mom's job gives me a roof over my head, food to eat and clothes to wear. It also gives me luxuries like the laptop computer I'm typing this essay on."

> > Seven-year-old Daniel Gallivan wrote, "Dad's job gives us allowances. That is how I like my dad's job." His 9-year-old sister

Tatiana wrote, "My dad

Their 15-year-old sister showers," he wrote.

"After my dad got the always rely on my home for wrote Mallory. "We are a lot has to give up is sleep, since

his essay that he is a senior White," she concluded. "My honor student at Grand dad's job there means a lot to Rapids Christian High me, more than he will ever School. He used his essay to know.' explore how his world came to be after his father began to become a veterinarian, working at Bradford White. explained in her essay that

"My father is the most her mom's job has allowed determined, hardworking her to be involved in her person I know," wrote favorite charity, Toys for Jefferson. "My father is the Barry County Kids, be part center of who I am. Bradford of 4-H, FFA, and the Barry White is my ticket to success County Fair, especially for the future."

Wyatt Owen wrote that around the fairgrounds. his dad working at Bradford White means that his mom time when students read their can stay home.

"She is involved with their parents enjoyed lunch our school, and is able to keep up with our sports had time to visit their parent's schedule," he said.

Jordan Postma wrote safety glasses and ear plugs, in his essay about how before leaving for home.

to Craig's Cruisers.

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need 10 years of work (40 years of work is needed for 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

Jefferson explained in

public affairs specialist

"Without it I would

Sabriah Postma wrote.

She added in her essay

"Thank you Bradford

Willett, who is planning

leading second graders

essays to each other, they and

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exploring our national parks

Unlike our last trips, okay, as we figured we would which have started in Lowell just find one on the way out and ended in a National of town. The next task was Park, this week we start at to find the Patagonia Outlet a National Park and end up and a parking spot on the in Lowell. In my last article, street for a car and travel we left off 1,800 miles from trailer. Once parking and the home. Between East Glacier, store were located, it began Montana and Lowell, there to rain. It was just a shower, are many parks and national historic sites. This week, on Once inside the heavens our trip home, we will visit a opened up. Rain, rain and few of them.

travel south out of Browning, thunder and lightning to add MT on US- 287. This would to our experience. This was allow us to pick up I-15 the kind of thunderstorm you just north of Helena. I-15 read about, but never want to would then bring us down experience for yourself. The to the town of Dillon, MT. power went out in the store, Dillon is key for a number so we were unable to check of reasons. First, it is the out, not that we were going name of my son with the anywhere anytime soon! same spelling. So, posing for a photo op in front of to let up, the streets were the town's "welcome sign" literally rivers. Water was

so we ran to the outlet store. more rain poured from the Our plan was first to sky. There was also, hail.

Kurt Hieshetter

By the time it started



Dillon and Sierra at the entrance to Little Bighorn National Battlefield.

41, we were happy to put Dillon behind us, the town, not the kid.

Dillon, we turned Montana 287. This road was to take us into West Yellowstone after a

not. And finding State Route of where we were yesterday, sandstone tower. His carved we decided to follow the name is protected under glass Yellowstone River on State and appears just as it did in Route 89 into Gardiner, MT. 1806. To our surprise, once a Thirty miles out of This would allow us to enter year on the date in July that Yellowstone at Mammoth Captain Clark camped here, Hot Springs under the Clark days are celebrated. Roosevelt Arch. We then And, as luck would have it, could stop at the Visitors' it was the day we stopped. Center, get the passport There were many displays stamped and leave through set up showing the history Cooke City.

Yellowstone through Cooke of the foods that might have City and the northeast been eaten on the Lewis entrance require you to and Clark expedition were travel along the Beartooth available for sampling. We highway. This road is not spent much more time here for the faint of heart. It than we thought we would. should not be for anyone But, it was a great experience pulling a travel trailer. But, and the kids learned a lot of for us, it was too late to turn history in a fun atmosphere. back, we were committed. This extremely narrow, of Pompey's Pillar lies the switchback laden highway little town of Garryowen, reaches an elevation of MT. Garryowen is on the 10,947 feet before dropping banks of the Little Bighorn quickly to Red Lodge, MT. River. It was very near this After losing one of our place that Major Marcus trailer brakes, we descended Reno first encountered this route with a little less Lakota warriors. Reno, part braking capability.

experience of pulling a trailer, George Custer and Capt. in the mountains, behind us, Benteen. Unknown to Reno we were off to Billings, MT at the time, the beginning of and the closest campground the end had just begun. we could find. As luck would have it, a boom town Battlefield Earthquake area and the like Billings is the home to monument is a solemn place National Forest just outside many private campgrounds. that all Americans should the park. Driving southwest There are many good visit. Visitors walk the trails campground guides, but of Last Stand Hill reading could see were towering if you have access to the the monuments and doing Internet while traveling, very little talking. White the best is RVParkReviews. marble stones mark the spots do know about camping in com. We were able to where over 260 members of the mountains is that you find a campground on the the 7th Cavalry fell. Last do not mess with lightning. Yellowstone River that was Stand Hill, which is fenced

their near death experience our next two stops, both is the spot of the mass grave back in Dillon, it was time national monuments. The that most of the enlisted to turn around and head to first one is a lesser known men were laid to rest. Red Bozeman. Here, everyone monument called Pompey's granite markers are placed could feel somewhat safe. Piller; the second, a well- at the sites where Lakota At least there would be more known national battlefield, and Cheyenne warriors fell Little Bighorn.

Pompey's Pillar is yourself into this dark a large sandstone butte moment of American rising 150 feet above the history, more than one day Yellowstone River valley is needed. Children have regroup and plan another floor. It holds the only so many questions about into Yellowstone. physical evidence of the how and why this event Since these mountain ranges Lewis and Clark expedition. happened. The interpretive run north and south, you William Clark stopped at guide is a great way to walk can not drive east and west this sight on his return trip the battlefield, read the without going well out of to the U.S. and carved his markers and try to answer

of town, welcome sign or your way. Being well north name into the side of the of the area. Everyone was Entering or leaving in period costume and many

> Some fifty miles south of the seventh Cavalry, With the harrowing had just split from General The Little Bighorn

off, has a large monument It was a short drive to with names engraved. This

To truly immerse

had to be on the itinerary. up and over the curbs. Hail Second, it is the home to one filled the few storm drains of the few Patagonia Outlet that you could see. The kids stores in the country, which were scared and the car was I believe is the true reason a block away. The store still why my wife wanted to go had no power, so we paid for there (although she really the few things we had with pushed the name thing). cash, took our hand written Third, it is somewhat of a receipt and started making back way into Yellowstone our way to the car. Wading National Park.

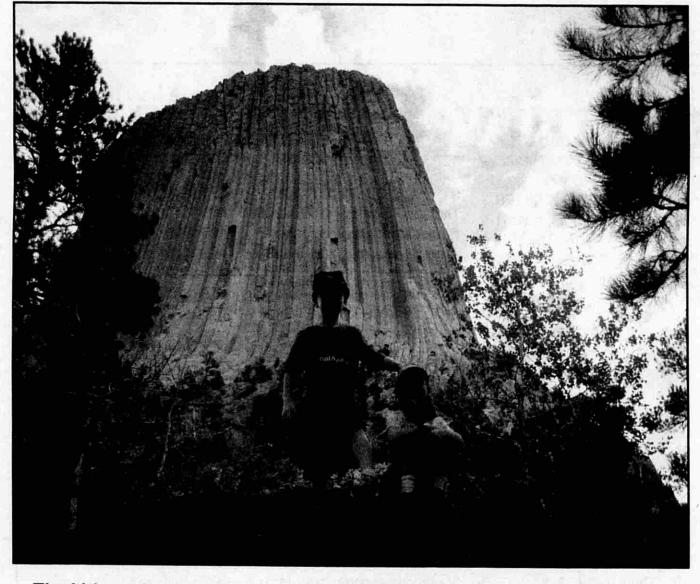
We had Yellowstone before and I will cover that trip in depth the car with water up to the at a later time. We did, however, forget to have Unable to get into the car our National Park Passport book stamped on that trip. building. Very nice people So the trip to Dillon for the said, "We have never seen it photo op, for the shopping rain that hard before!" (It's trip and to take the back nice to know it waited for way into Yellowstone was our visit!) After a while of just for a "ten minute" visit. Once again, as with most the water level was not going Hieshetter trips, plans can down, we took our chances. change.

Dillon, the route into town did not have a welcome to city streets were flooded, the

through small lakes with two been to inches of hail floating on top is a new experience. Finding sill plates is quite another. we took shelter in an office watching and noticing that Thanking the office staff. When we arrived in rolling our pants up, we ran for the car. Since most of the Dillon, MT sign. That was goal now was to just get out

peaceful night camping near the Madison Canyon towards Yellowstone all we and lightning. The one thing I Since everyone in the car very close to I-94. still thinking about people around.

After a quiet night at the local KOA, we decided to have breakfast at a restaurant. This would give us time to



The kids at the base of Devil's Tower, Devil's Tower National Monument.

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their questions. Looking over the river valley you can see how the events of that June day, only 135 years ago, took place.

Very near the southern end of the battlefield, where Reno and Benteen held off the remaining warriors, is a great campground called the 7th Ranch RV Campground, (very nice people, free ice cream for the kids, and extremely clean restrooms and showers). At night under the stars, after putting the kids to bed. Stephanie and I were able to look out over the river valley imagining how it looked in 1886 with 7,000 men, women and children, Lakota, Chevenne and Arapaho families trying to preserve their way of life.

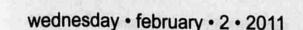
Montana Highway 212 takes vou east through the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservations. It is a desolate area but this is the way to our next stop, Devil's Tower. Devil's Tower is our nations' first national monument. After President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed it a national monument in 1906, Wyoming became the home of our first national park, Yellowstone, and our first national monument, Devil's Tower.

Approaching Devil's Tower from the north allows you to see it long before you arrive. The tower rises nearly 870 feet from the base and is over 1,000 feet around. The campground at Devil's Tower is located just south of the tower on the Belle Fourche River. Most of the campsites have an awesome view of the Tower. As with other National Park campgrounds, this one is first come, first serve. It was nice to arrive early because by 4:00 p.m. the campground was full.

At the end of a long narrow road near the base of the Tower is the Visitors' Center. This building is an old log structure built by the CCC during the depression. This park, like many others, was built and established many years ago and is in great need of additional funding just to upgrade some of the infrastructure. Another great reason to buy your National Park pass every year! Anyone visiting Devil's Tower can sign in at the base trailhead and go climb it. Over 5,000 people a year do. However, we were content to walk the 1.3 mile trail around it and watch while others made the attempt to get to the top.

Our final stop on this trip was at Wind Cave National Park. Wind Cave is located in the Black Hills

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Swarming the streets of Egypt! 250,000 pack downtown Cairo. New government sworn in, but Mubarak still in charge.

- Johannesburg 92-year-old former President Nelson Mandela is discharged from a South African hospital Friday after treatment for an acute respiratory infection, the nation's Surgeon General reports.
- The man who detonated a bomb at Domodedovo Airport in Moscow on Monday, killing 35 people, was a 20-year-old from the North Caucasus, the Russian investigation committee says. It is also clear that the bomb was targeted toward foreigners.
- Convers will run for 25th congressional term in 2012. U.S. Rep. John Convers Jr., the long est serving African-American, will seek another term stating he's not ready to retire.
- Enbridge spill has some crying foul. Six months after, the oil spill continues to impact people, businesses and ecosystems. More than 2,370 claims have been filed by residents on everything from medical bills, to hotel stays, to property repairs.

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A Super Bowl team needs a good quarterback — and so does your business.

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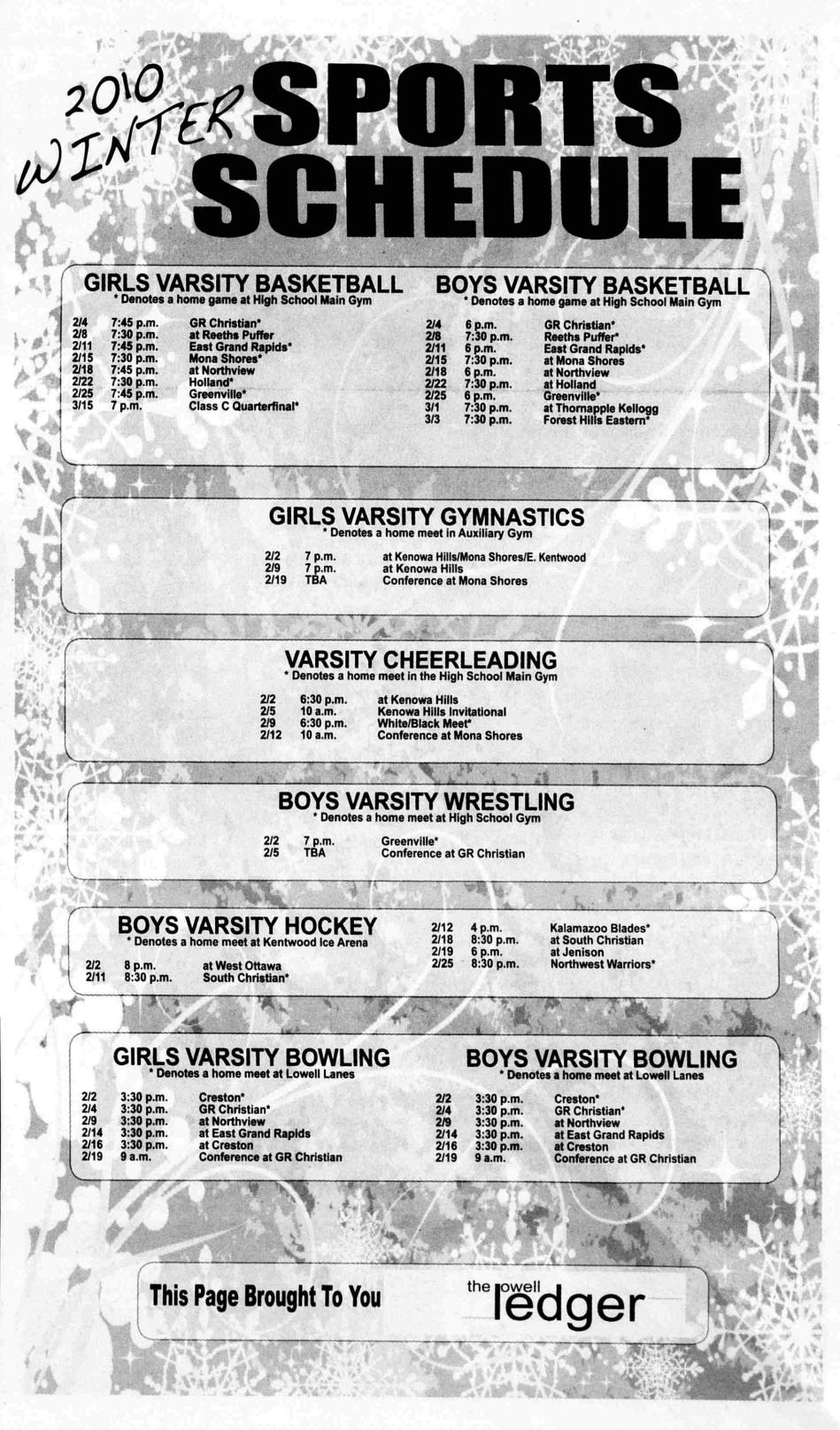
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Mount Rushmore national monument and Badlands National Park. We visited these on a different trip, so details on those parks will come at a later date.

three caves in the National Park system (along with Carlsbad Caverns and Mammoth Caves). It is very different from the other two. A National Park since 1903, oldest caves in the world.

area of South Dakota. This to tours. As with Carlsbad This makes Wind Cave truly history: the massacre of area is also home to Jewell and Mammoth Caves, if you unique among caves and take time to go on one of the tours. Our tour was the natural opening, a small about 1-1/2 hours.

stalactites and stalagmites Wounded Knee is located. and wild places in America. however, have many other between the U.S. and the time I will try. Only eight of the known 100 strange formations and a Native Americans, another miles of passages are open wide variety of minerals. dark chapter in American



visit the Black Hills' area.

We spent that night at the

over 150 men, women Cave national monument, are lucky enough to visit, should not be missed if you and children. This site is a national historic landmark.

It was finally time to Natural Entrance tour which KOA of Hot Springs. They find our way to I-80 and enters the cave near the only did not have a hot spring head east. We had been anywhere, but they did have on the road for nearly two hole in the ground. It then a pool for the kids. Driving weeks and one more night Wind Cave is one of followed a cave passage south from Hot Springs was needed before we were under the Visitors' Center gives you the opportunity to arrive in Lowell. The area into the elevator building for to drive through the Pine that was visited on this trip Ridge Indian Reservation. should not be missed, as they Wind Cave has very few This reservation is where are some of the most historic that are commonly found Wounded Knee is the site This trip will be hard to top. it is considered one of the in other caves. It does, of the last armed conflict Stay tuned, however, as next

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Area schools announce Spelling Bee winners

Lowell Middle School held their annual spelling bee on Jan. 26 in the media center at the school. It was an exciting contest and lasted a record 21 rounds before a winner was declared. The first-place winner was Adrienne Rife and the runner-up was Clayton Brown.

Final round participants were, eighth grade: Tyler Hall, Marie Blough, Adrienne Rife, Catie Wissman and Laurel Bronkella; seventh grade: Marrila Marks; sixth grade: Clayton Brown, Megan Dollar, Joel Dee, Tiana Peavey, Aidan Lane, Maria DeCator, Alyssa McIntire, Elijah Boulton, Maddie Burt, Trevor Sherman and Corrina Wenger.

Rife and Brown will be representing LMS at the regional competition in February.



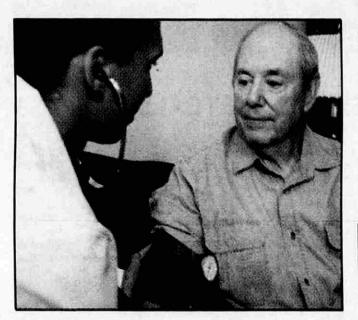
LMS eighth-grade spellers and at right: Adrienne Rife, winner; Nate Fowler, assistant principal; and Clayton Brown, runner-up.

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Heart Health — Emerald Meadows' Wellness Series continues in February

HEART HEALTH "When we offered Part 1 of our Wellness Series in January, it was so well-attended, we knew we were meeting a need," says Kathy Higgins, Community Manager at Emerald Meadows in Grand Rapids, Michigan. "Part 2 promises to be just as informative and helpful."



Cherry Creek held its Elementary annual fifth-grade spelling bee Jan. 20. This year the winner is Nicole Paulus and the runner-up is Seth Ross. Both will compete in the regional spelling bee. It will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary on Feb. 22 at 4:30 p.m.



Since February is American Heart Month, it made sense for the February 10 installment of the series to focus on heart health. Emerald Meadows has invited medical experts from Great Lakes Home Health to share the latest information on heart-related health issues and what people need to know and do to stay healthy.

Kathy Higgins encourages people to sign up with their aging parents or grandparents because, she says, "Families who focus on wellness together often stay healthier. And they have fun doing it!"

The series will continue on March 10 with a "Diet and Nutrition" session.

The Wellness Series at Emerald Meadows is ideal for seniors to attend with their children. Sessions are scheduled for January, February, and March. The first installment, on January 13 at 2:00pm, is "Making the Most of Your Doctor Visits."

THIS MONTH'S EVENT **Wellness Series**

Thursday, February 10, 2:00pm -"Heart Health" (RSVP to Emerald Meadows by February 4)

Emerald Meadows is located at 6117 Charlevoix Woods Court in Grand Rapids.

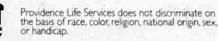
Call (616) 954-2366 for more information or to RSVP.



Pictured above are Murray Lake Elementary's fifth-grade spelling bee finalists. Chloe Looman (bottom center) was crowned the winner and Justin Plunkett (bottom center) was the runner-up. They will both move on to the regional spelling bee held in Kentwood next week.



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