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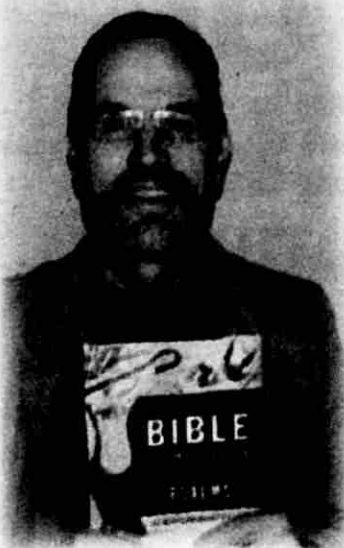
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Rail trail group works on plans for fundraising to maximize grant applications

by Emma Palova

The Grand River and Flat River Valley trail groups discussed fundraising, for future trail improvements between Lowell, Ionia and Greenville, last week.

The portion of the trail from Saranac to Ionia and Ionia to Owosso is currently being designed. Bridge evaluation and infrastructure needs are underway.

“Fundraising is

important unless we can identify other sources of funding,” said Annamarie Bauer of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

Due to a state cut to the \$0.5 million Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) trust fund, fundraising has gained importance as a match to grants. In order to maximize

a grant application, various groups, such as the trail authority, partner together with communities.

Spending from the trust fund has been tied to earnings due to the trust fund being capped.

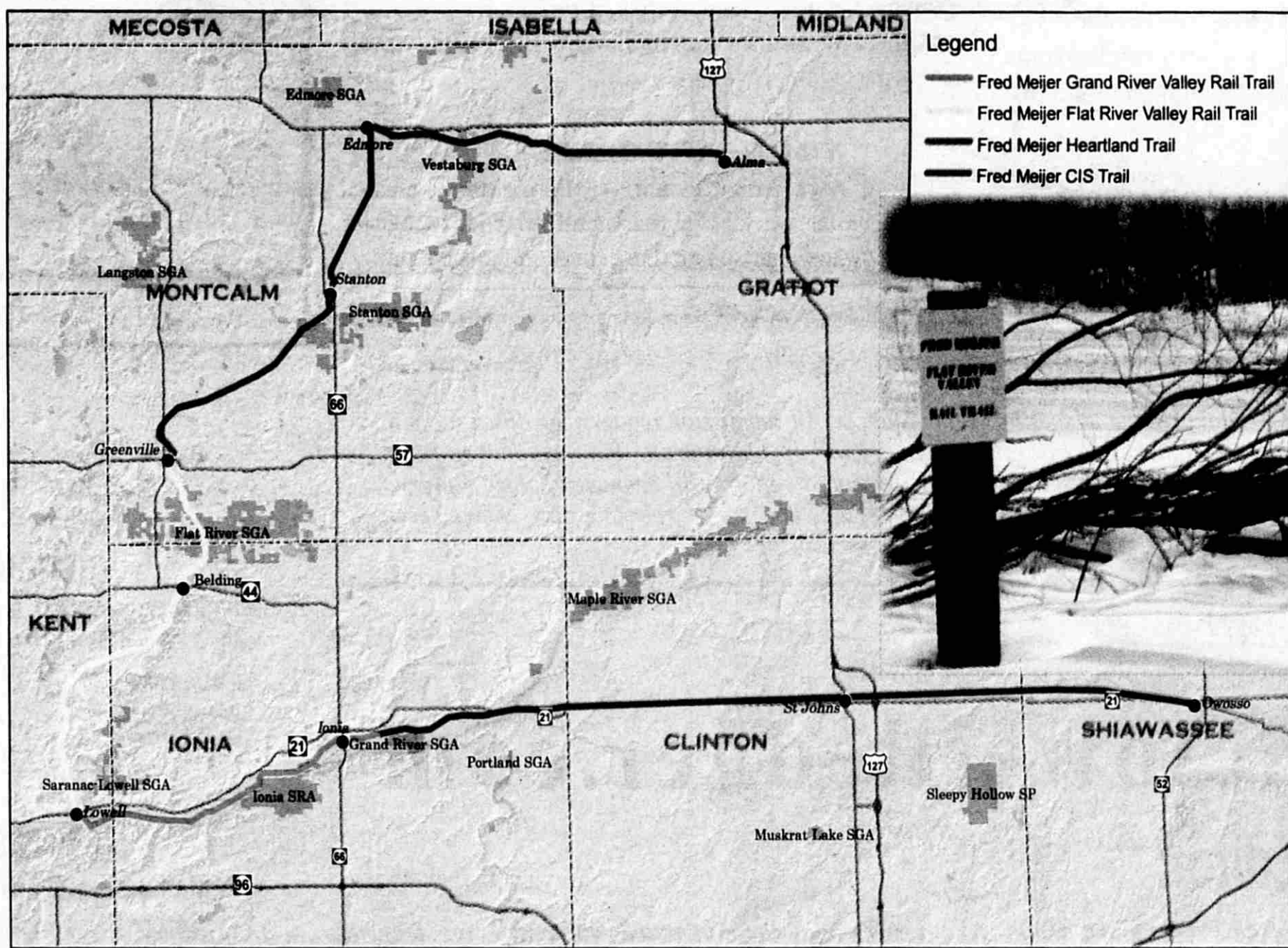
“We have a lot of work to do,” said Belding city manager Randy DeBruine. “We need to get this ball moving forward faster than it is.”

In some cases, Friends to the Trail raise match money for grants from the trust fund. The trail maintenance remains the biggest issue, as well as identifying different zones along the trail. The Lowell to Ionia trail has a significant agricultural zone, rural natural zone, village and towns zone. The trail from Lowell to Greenville, on the other

hand, encompasses the Flat River Game Area.

The newly formed trail authority has been experiencing growing pains because the trail project has been moving ahead faster than expected. However, long-term vision for the trail authority is to encompass the entire 125-mile long trail network.

“The trail authority will be directing the maintenance monies for the 125-mile trail network,” said Bauer. “It takes



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Trail posts delineate the Fred Meijer Flat River Valley Trail between Lowell and Greenville.

Lowell Township regulates outdoor furnaces

by Emma Palova

The Lowell Township Planning Commission added regulations for outdoor furnaces to the ordinance on Monday after holding a public hearing.

The amendment has been in the works since July and the final Feb. 14 version will go to the township board for approval.

The regulation allows outdoor furnaces in low density agricultural and rural zones where distance between houses is greater. A mechanical permit issued by the township building inspection department is required.

Part of the permit application is an accurate drawing illustrating the

parcel and all surrounding buildings, as well as the proposed location of the furnace showing distances to lot lines.

However, any existing outdoor furnaces are grandfathered in as legal nonconforming structures. The outdoor furnaces can be placed 100 feet from the nearest house not on the property and 50 feet from all property lines.

An outdoor furnace cannot be located in the front yard unless it is placed 300 feet from the front lot line. If natural features do not allow for this setback, the furnace may be placed 50 feet from the front lot line.

“We are building in some flexibility,” said

township planner Tim Johnson, “but we don’t want these to become a nuisance to nearby properties.”

The smoke stack has to be 10 feet above the ground and two feet above the peak of the roof.

“I am satisfied with our requirements,” said chairman Dave Simmonds.

The regulation also stipulates the type of materials that can be burned in the outdoor furnace. Specifically prohibited are rubbish or garbage, carcasses, painted materials and other household or business wastes.

Commissioner Carlton Blough questioned whether patio wood burners should also be regulated.

“That is beyond what we are trying to address,” said secretary Tim Clements.

Resident Walt Price, who came for a review of his special use permit for storage purposes, also owns an outdoor furnace.

“I have an outdoor’s wood stove and I love it,” he said.

In spite of the fact that the township board suggested greater setbacks and strengthening of the language about the burning of wood products, the planning commission recommended the amendment as it was written.

“It’s been a long time coming,” said Simmonds. “I feel comfortable with our

outdoor furnace ordinance.”

Commissioner Mark Batchelor said the ordinance is a good guideline.

In response to discussion about the height of the smokestack, Price said the direction of the smoke cannot be controlled.

“We don’t want the neighbor to smell the smoke,” said Batchelor.

The planning commission arrived to a consensus that the ordinance is a good starting point and that it can always be amended.

Outdoor furnaces have to be operated according to the

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twice as long to develop anything.” The application deadline for grants from the MDNR trust fund and Michigan Department of Transportation is April 1. The trail groups will be meeting with representatives from both agencies to maximize their grant applications. If the groups do receive grant monies, it could be used to evaluate bridges. There are 22 trestles on the Lowell to Greenville portion.

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manufacturer's instructions and all applicable building and mechanical codes. Blough voted against the regulation. In related business: Price requested if he can place five wood stoves in the back of his storage building inside the fenced area. The commission reviewed Price's two special use permits for outdoor storage. The storage is at 80 percent capacity and Price can build up to four buildings without additional approvals. The wood stove storage will not have a major impact and as such Price only needs to submit a written request. His request for wood stove storage will be on the agenda next month.



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MAKING MAPLE SYRUP

Backyard maple syrup making on Sun., Mar. 6, 2-3:30 pm. This program will teach participants how to collect and process sugar maple sap to make your own maple syrup. To register, call 987-1002 by Sun., Feb. 20 (preregistration required).

BLUEGRASS POTLUCK REUNION

The West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association will be having a potluck reunion Sat., Feb. 26, 1-6 pm at the First United Methodist Church, E. Main. Bring dish to pass, instruments to jam. No charge.

YOUTH ART CLASSES

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

YOUTH FAIR (KCYF) FUNDRAISER

Ada/Lowell 5 Theatre, 2175 West Main St., on Tues., Feb. 22, 4-8 pm. Fifty percent of all the purchases at the concession stand will be donated to the KCYF. There is a short form to fill out that can be printed from www.kcwf.org.

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

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ALSO

Due to President's Day, the Lowell City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.



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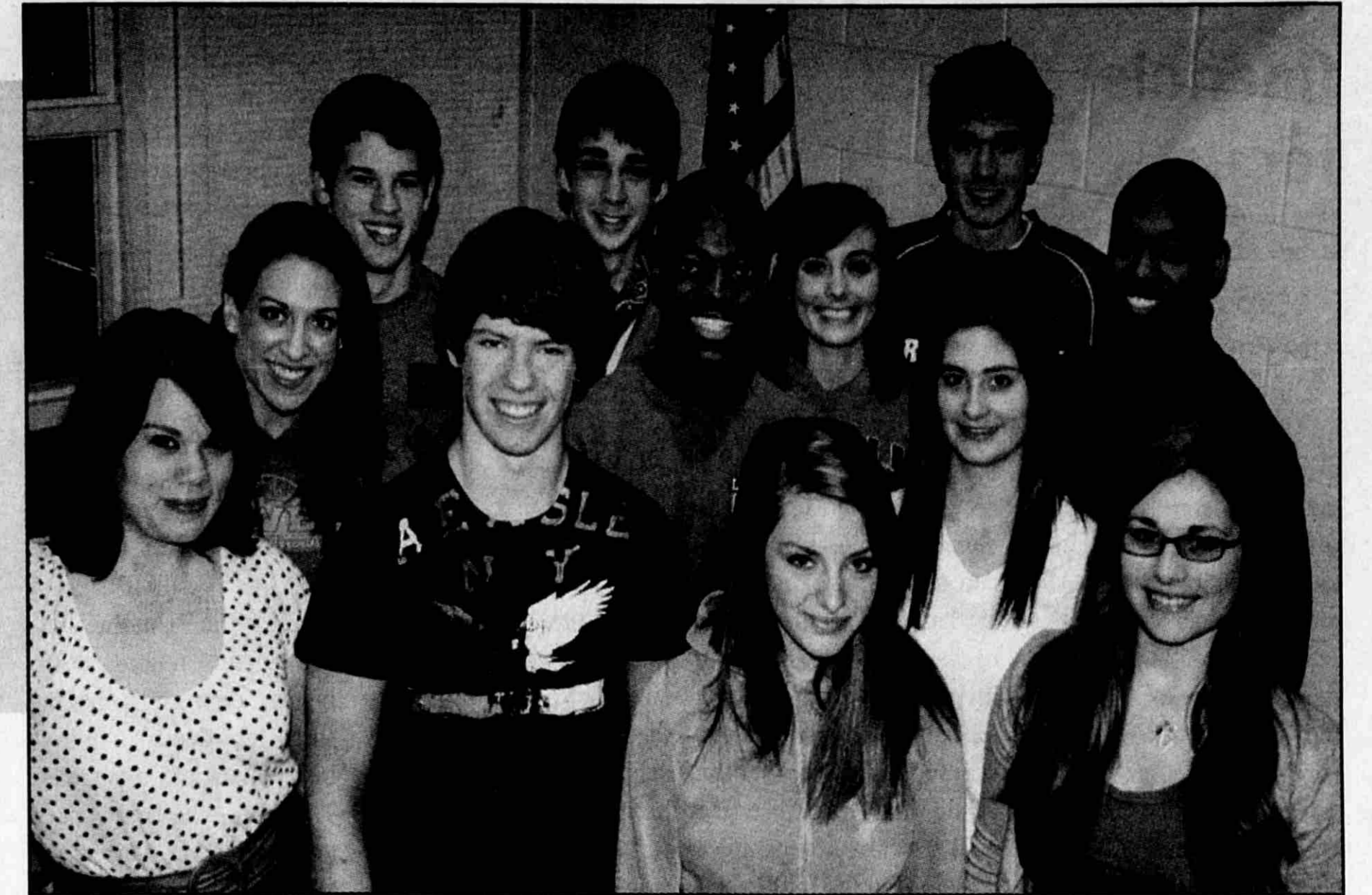
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Lowell High School Swirl Court 2011

Members of the court are, front row, left to right: Marina Jones, Zach Kaywood, Kourtney Spaulding, and Molly Doyle; second row, left to right: Whitney Bunn, Pierce Watson, and Heather Dimmick; third row, left to right: Eliot Westdorp, Dan Geurkink, Sydney Bishop, Dan Wernet, and Leighton Watson.



SOS offices will be closed February 21

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of Presidents Day on Monday, Feb. 21.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office and do business by mail, or if eligible, by Internet. Easy

to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

License plate tabs can also be renewed at Self-Service Stations, many of which are available 24/7. Visit the Branch Office Locator at www.Michigan.gov/sos to find a Self-Service Station near you.

With the exception of holidays, branch offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. Smaller branch offices may close for the lunch hour. On Wednesdays most offices are open from 11 am to 7 pm, with those in city centers open 9 am to 5 pm. PLUS offices

and SUPER!Centers are open from 9 am to 7 pm on Wednesdays. SUPER!Centers also provide Saturday hours from 9 am to noon. For more information about branch office locations and services, visit the Secretary of State website (www.Michigan.gov/sos) and sign up for official Secretary of State Twitter feeds (www.twitter.com/Michsos) and Facebook updates (www.facebook.com/Michigansos).

Customers also may call the Department of State Information Center to speak to a customer-service representative at (888) SOS-MICH (767-6424).

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- Richard M. Nixon (1913 - 1994)

Kids with character



Pictured are Murray Lake's Character in Action award winners for January. These students were nominated by staff and/or students for living by the character trait, Trustworthiness, on a daily basis.

college news

Erik R. Mateus of Ada and Brandon S. Postema of Alto have been named to the dean's list for fall semester at Northwood University. The announcement was made by Dr. Lance B.

Lewis, academic dean of the university. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

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Christopher C. Godbold

To retire comfortably, know what moves to make and when to make them

We all want to enjoy a comfortable retirement. But to do so, we need to make different moves, and consider different issues, at different times of our lives. To help illustrate this point, let's look at three individuals: Alice, who is just starting out in her career; Bob, who is nearing retirement, and Charlie, who has recently retired. Let's start with Alice. As a young worker, Alice has a good four decades ahead of her until she retires. Yet she realizes

trended upward*. And the longer Alice holds her investments, the less of an impact that market extremes should have on her 401(k), IRA and other accounts. Now, let's turn our attention to Bob. Since he is within a few years of retirement, he has some key decisions to make. For one thing, he must decide if it's time to change the investment mix in his IRA, 401(k) and other accounts. Because Bob doesn't have much time to overcome market volatility, and since he'd like to maintain the gains he has already achieved, he may decide to become more conservative with his investments. Consequently, he may choose to move some of his investment dollars from stocks to bonds and other fixed-income securities. Realizing, however, that

he may spend two or three decades in retirement, and knowing that he will need to stay ahead of inflation, he doesn't abandon all his growth-oriented investments. Furthermore, Bob decides that he may need to bolster his retirement income, so he considers whether an annuity, which is designed to provide him with an income stream he can't outlive is appropriate for his situation. Our final "life stages" investor is Charlie. He has recently retired, so his biggest concern is making sure he doesn't outlive his financial resources. Therefore, he may need to consider a variety of moves. For starters, he should determine when to start taking Social Security and when to begin taking withdrawals from his IRA and 401(k) plans. (For a traditional IRA and a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan, Charlie, like all investors, must start taking withdrawals no later than age 70-1/2, but for a Roth IRA, there is no age requirement. However, there may be other requirements that must be met for a Roth IRA.) After deciding when to start taking withdrawals from his retirement plans, he'll also need to calculate how much he can afford to take each year without emptying the accounts. Finally, he might need to rebalance his overall investment portfolio to provide himself with more income. Of course, the situations described have been simplified for illustrative purposes to give an idea of some of the considerations for different stages in your life. It is important to work with your financial professional to develop a plan to help you enjoy the retirement lifestyle that you've envisioned. *Past performance is no guarantee of future results. An investment in stocks will fluctuate with market conditions and may be worth more or less than the original investment. Before investing in bonds, you should understand the risks involved, including interest rate risk, credit risk and market risk. When interest rates rise the prices of bonds can decrease and the investor may lose principal value if sold prior to maturity. *This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.*

viewpoint

to the editor

Dear Editor,

I noted with great appreciation the excellent article by Shane Beach, on February 9, about the Books for Bankshots benefit organized by the girls' basketball team and quickly joined by the boys' team. This is a great illustration of the quality of our local youth. They are to be applauded for both their creativity and their civic spirit. At Alpha Women's Center of Lowell, we share the vision and

outdoors

hard times

Dave Stegehuis

Deep snow, freezing temperatures, and dwindling food sources make it difficult for most wildlife to survive until spring. Wild things are now tapping into the last of energy stores built up during more bountiful seasons. A late spring can spell trouble for many birds and animals. A great variety of birds visit our backyard feeders every day. The number of visitors tripled before and after the recent record snowstorm. They seem to know when storms are on the way. Feeding birds is popular with many home owners and renters. Feeders of all sizes and shapes hang from posts

and trees in neighborhood yards. Unfortunately, many of these feeders are often empty. This is not always done intentionally, but just overlooked. Feeding birds creates a dependency so it's necessary to continue feeding. If anyone has been feeding birds this winter, make sure to continue helping them out. Now is the time to check out your feeders if you have them, or it may be an opportunity to begin feeding if you don't. Remember, however, that feeding birds is a serious commitment. Once feeders are put out, they need to be maintained properly. Feeders should be in good repair and filled with seeds

or suet or both. Feeders have to be periodically cleaned to prevent the spread of disease in the flock. A reliable supply of water is helpful to all wildlife. Heated birdbaths will provide water all winter. In addition to food and water, cover is the third requirement for wildlife survival. Planting and maintaining evergreens on your property, for example, provides shelter from the elements and predators. A little research will turn up other plants that provide food and cover. The payoff for all of this effort is the presence of a variety of interesting and sometimes colorful wildlife to observe during a time when little else is going on in an otherwise drab and empty landscape. Think it through before deciding to make a commitment and be prepared to enjoy the rewards if you do.

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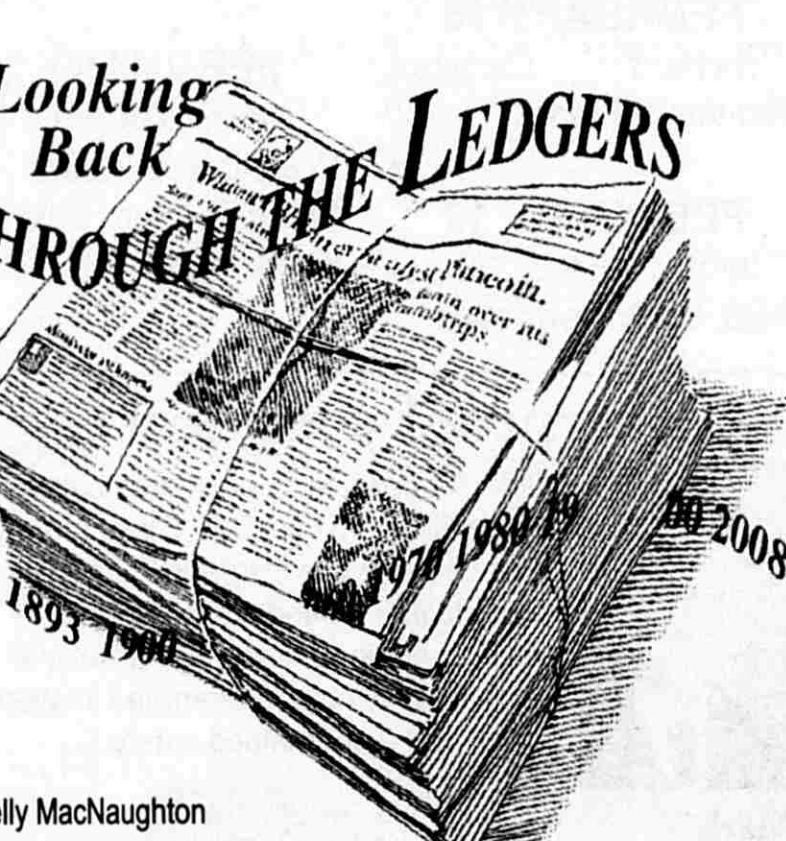
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By Shelly MacNaughton

125 Years Ago
The Lowell Journal
February 19, 1886

H. Nash is building a large platform at the rear of the express office for an agricultural implement depot. He proposes to deal in that line of goods the coming season.

Manager Bush, who is now in full charge of the Lowell Rink, was pleased to see a large crowd of people there Saturday night. The music by the new band was good and everything passed off very pleasantly.

100 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
February 16, 1911

The Village Council, at a special meeting yesterday morning, refused to submit to the people the street railway franchise asked for by Andy Fyfe in behalf of his company, which proposes to construct a road from Detroit to Grand Rapids by way of Lansing, Grand League and Portland.

75 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo
February 13, 1936

Drilling of the oil well to be located near Lowell has not been commenced. Additional leases must be secured to warrant the large expenses involved, spokesmen for the Lowell Development Company and the Michigan Oil Exploration Company have declared. It is stated that if the required leases are secured, actual drilling will be started as soon as weather conditions permit.

50 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
February 16, 1961

Dr. Robert Regan, reported at the Board of Trade meeting Monday night, that the committee working to bring the Grand Valley College to Lowell was given a chance to present the community's story last Saturday to the college site committee.

The site review committee that visited Lowell Thursday revealed that they scored the hill site northeast of the city with 85 out of a possible 100 points. The Lundberg site on the west side scored 74 out of 100.

25 Years Ago
The Grand Valley Ledger
February 19, 1986

Two Alma College students from Kent County received awards in the 1986 Alma College Writing contest.

Jenny Dine, an Alma College freshman from Alto, received first place for her short story "The Hunt" and second place for the poem "Birth Rite."

Dine works as an intern for Alma College News Services and serves on the editorial staff of The Pine River Anthology. Her story is about "a young girl relating a terrifying experience in a chaotic and confused way; her mind is unable to acknowledge reality or accept the shock of the situation," said Dine.

health

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

heart attack

What's your risk of heart attack?

A heart attack happens when part of the heart does not get enough blood. Fats can build up in blood vessels and block the blood supply to the heart. This is called coronary artery disease (CAD).

Several things can increase your risk of a heart attack. Some things, such as your age or gender, cannot be changed. But other things, such as high blood pressure or high cholesterol, can be treated.

Annual physical exams are a good way to assess risk. Blood samples will also detect further risks. Most of all, if you smoke, talk to your doctor about ways to quit.

To lower your risk of CAD, eat a healthy diet, exercise and maintain a healthy weight. If you smoke, you should quit. Your doctor can help you with quitting. If you have elevated cholesterol or high blood pressure, your doctor can prescribe medicines to lower both. For some people, taking an aspirin every day can reduce heart attack risk. Consult your doctor to see if an aspirin a day is good for you.

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Nurmikko/Charrouf



Ramsey Charrouf and Maggie Nurmikko

Mr. and Mrs. Robert graduated from Lowell Nurmikko of Lowell in 2005 and attends the University of North Florida. Ramsey has enlisted in the USMC and will study linguistics at The Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA. The couple will be wed on May 27, 2011, at Deer Run Golf Course, by Phil Struckmeyer of Impact Church.

The bride-to-be is a nursing student at Chamberlain College of Nursing in Jacksonville, Florida. Maggie graduated from Lowell in 2006. The future groom



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area births

Smith



Bentley Reese Smith

Matt and Kim Smith of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of their son, Bentley Reese Smith. He was born December 8, 2010 weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz and measuring 19.5 inches.

Grandparents are Roger and Karen Onan of Lowell, Janet Fisher of Lowell, and Jamie Smith of Arizona

happy birthday!

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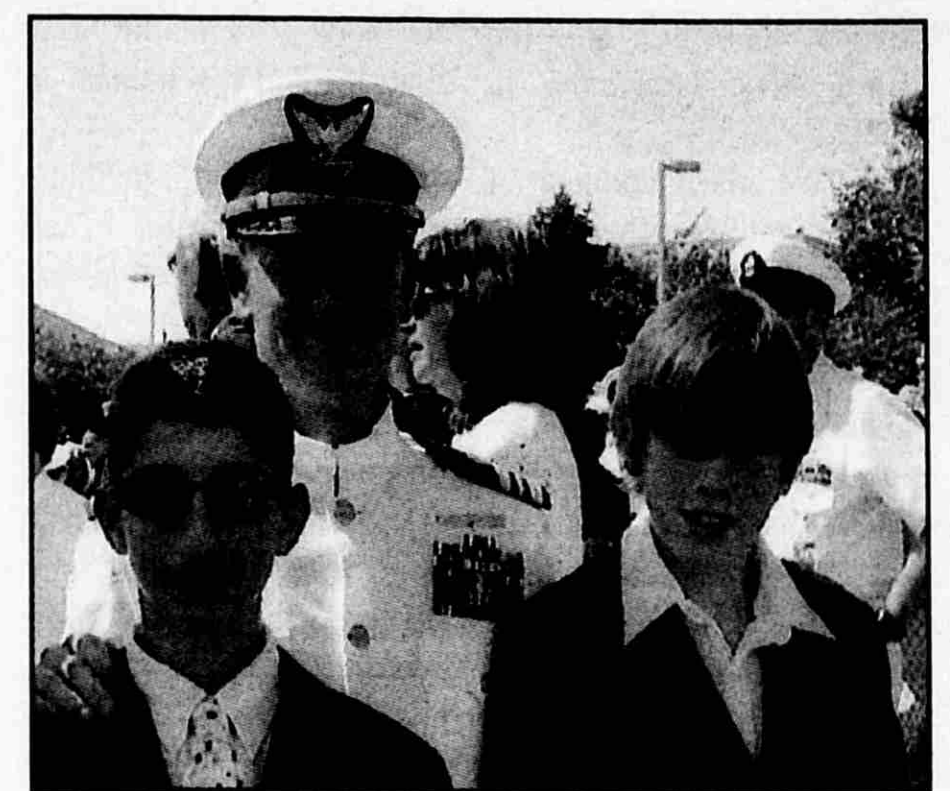
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In The Service

Cmdr. Brenden J. Kettner, U.S. Coast Guard, has completed a month-long training with the Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center with the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy and worked with previously.

During Kettner's previous assignment in Iraq, he had an opportunity to meet with both government officials in Baghdad as well as port operators in the Port



Cmdr. Brenden J. Kettner,

U.S. Airforce for a one-year tour in Iraq.

"The training I received while at Fort Dix was outstanding and really prepared me for my return to Iraq," said Kettner. "One of the reasons I joined the Coast Guard was to save lives and help people; the opportunity to become a certified Combat Life Saver aligns with our Coast Guard core mission of life saving."

Kettner has been assigned to the Multi-National Forces Iraq as the officer in charge, port advisor coordinating element, for his second engagement in Iraq. Kettner will be responsible for advising the Iraqi government and port authorities on improving the country's antiterrorism measures, especially along the Iranian border. Kettner's position will help improve security in the port and coordination of training with the intent to advance international ship and port facility security compliance. This will contribute to Iraq's long-term goals of trade and developing in depth defense strategies against the real threat scenarios the country faces every day.

"I am back in Iraq with the experience of the Iraqi culture and a basic grasp of the language," said Kettner. "This will help build new relationships and strengthen existing ones. I am really looking forward to seeing some of the people that I had

First-time author explores poetry and human application of psalms in book

by Emma Palova

David R. Beach of Lowell has co-authored 'The Essential Bible Companion to the Psalms' with Brian Webster, published by Zondervan in September 2010.

Beach is also the founder of Soul Seasons, a ministry focused on spiritual and creative formation. He has a private practice as a counselor in Saranac; he teaches psychology, sociology and spiritual formation courses at the Cornerstone University.

The book is meant to lay alongside the Bible to help understand the psalms more. Psalms are songs of praise that portray different scenes of emotions, such as rejoicing, despair, confidence, hope, uncertainty and lament.

For some psalms, there are special notes that point out things that are unique.

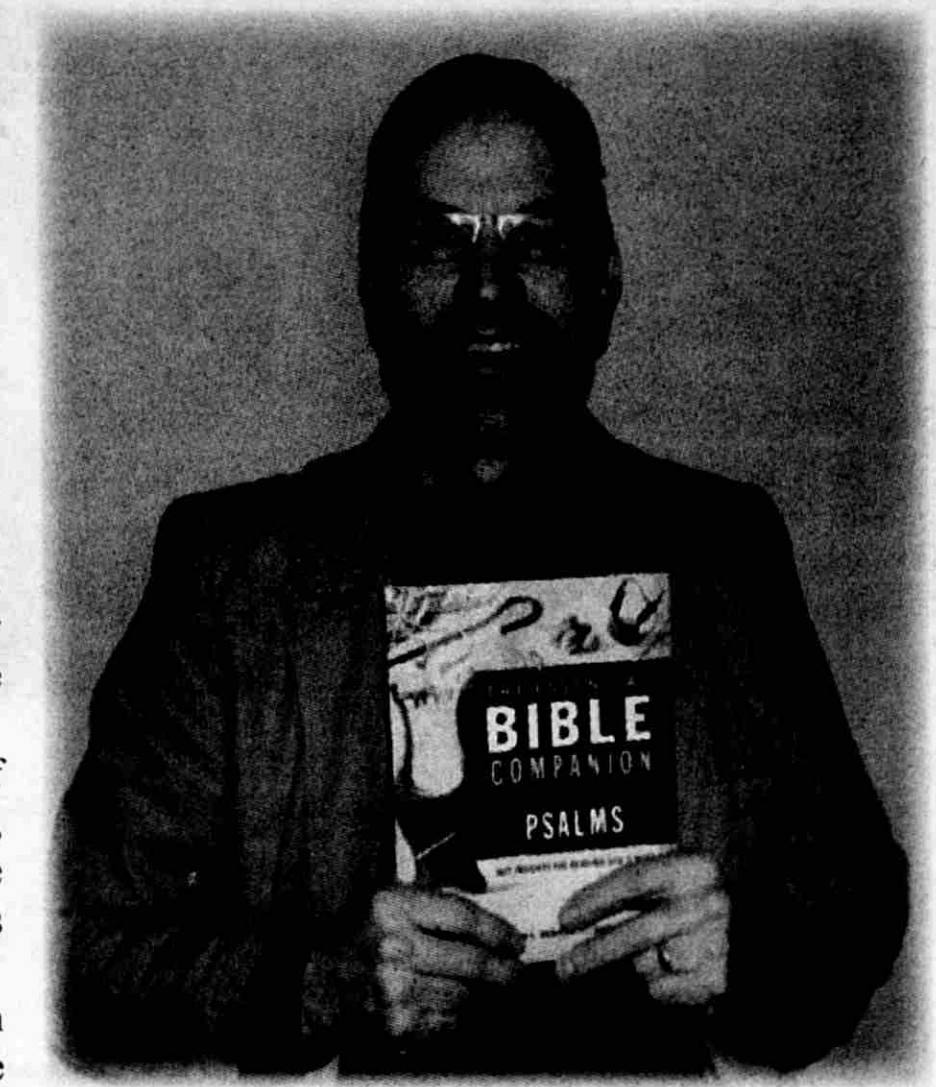
Quick reference charts explain the types of psalms from praise to wisdom and common elements of the psalms. The common elements may be praise, lament, accusation, complaint, claim of innocence or loyalty, confession to sin, testimony and prophetic oracles. There is also an index of verses.

The largest category of psalms is lament psalms, according to Beach. The smallest category is hymns to the King.

Beach's favorite psalm is Psalm 88. It is unique because it is the darkest of lament psalms.

"It does not end on a happy note," said Beach. "The last word is darkness. It is very troubling. There are opportunities for worship to voice anguish or pain without immediate resolution in the middle of lament, followed by language of abandonment. It shows God being absent in a person's life."

The last verse of



David R. Beach has cowritten a book 'The Essential Bible Companion to the Psalms.'

Psalm 88 has a personal significance for Beach, who lost his first wife, Susan Lynn Beach, in 1991 due to complications from a bone marrow transplant.

"It helps me understand," he said. "The horror of holocaust."

As the reflection section of Psalm 88 states: "Words cannot describe the personal holocausts of some individuals and communities."

"It helped give voice to the feeling that God

First-time author, continued, page 8

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Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 8th, 10:00am

Appeal Hearings:
Tuesday, March 15th, 1:00pm to 5:00pm and 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Thursday, March 17th, 8:00am to 1:00pm

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2011 assessments

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Breuker named Staff Member of the Month

Murray Lake first-grade teacher, Nancy Breuker, was named Staff Member of the Month for January. Breuker has been teaching in Lowell since 1997. Breuker's husband Burt is a science teacher at Lowell Middle School. They have three children: Olivia (21), Grant (17), and Anneke (10).

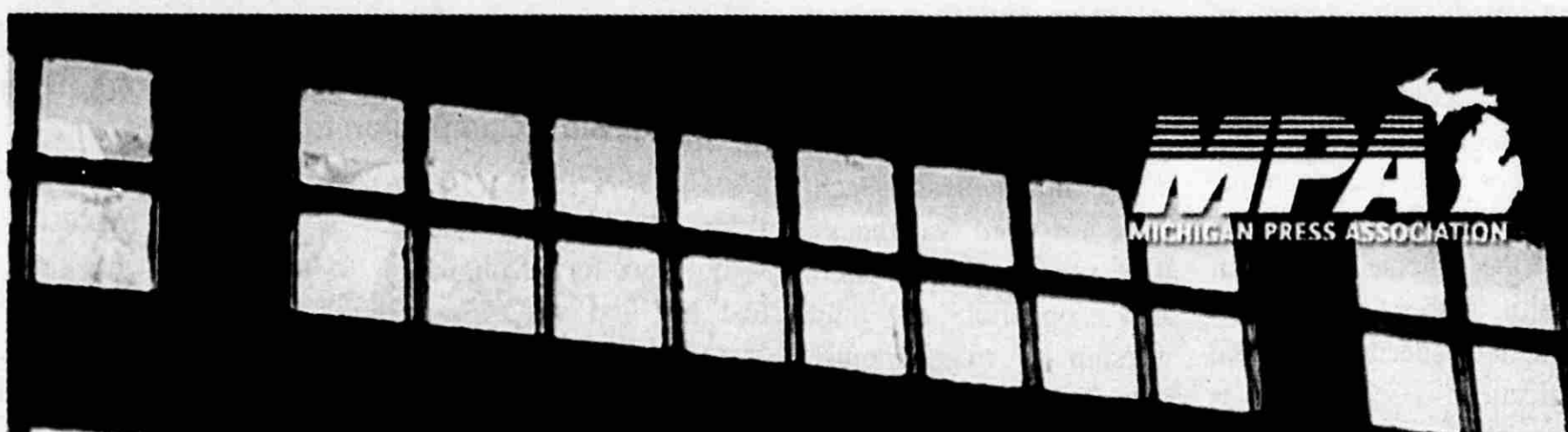


Breuker was nominated by several Murray Lake (ML) staff members. "Nancy shows amazing patience, develops new and creative learning experiences for her students and is truly a caring person. She models all of our district's character traits on a daily basis," commented fellow ML employee Joan Weeber.

Breuker, who has taught other grade levels, but has been at first grade for several years, says, "I love teaching first graders because of their natural curiosity and innocence. They have such passion for fairness and justice.

Their growth in learning over the course of the year is amazing! I also love teaching at Murray Lake because of the high standards held for students and staff. The positive atmosphere is contagious."

When Breuker is not teaching, she loves camping and hiking. She calls herself a National Park "junkie." She also enjoys participating in all water sports with her families. She especially enjoys reading biographies and nonfiction selections. Breuker is pictured with her first-grade students.



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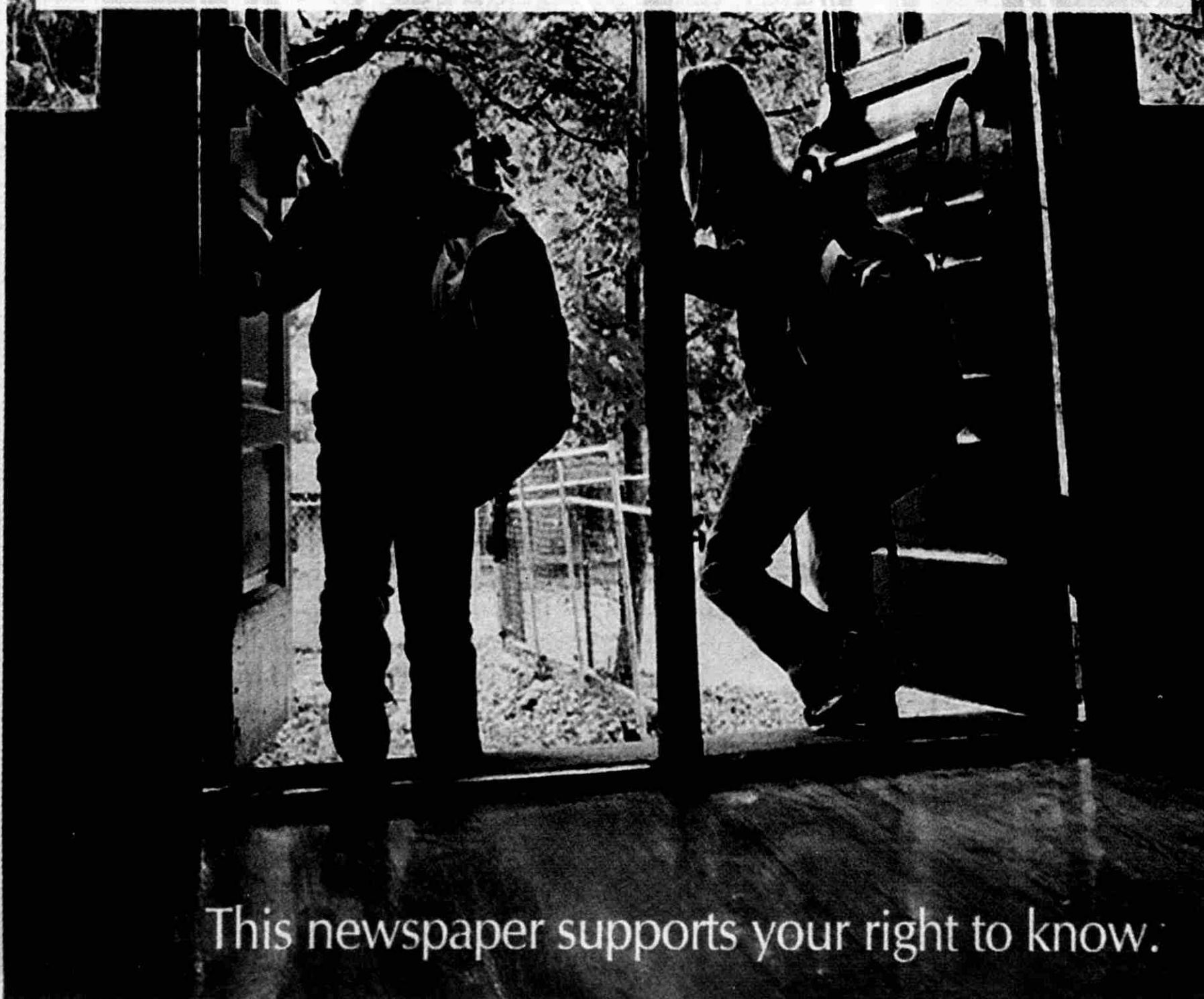
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First-time author, continued

is faraway and there is no healing for her," said Beach.

Zondervan approached Webster to write the book and he in turn asked Beach to help him out. Webster is a professor at Dallas Theological Seminary. Beach met him at the Cornerstone University in 1992.

"We talked about grief and lament," Beach said.

In 2007, the two contracted with Zondervan and they finished the manuscript in 2008.

"Our hope is that the book will give readers access to the poetry of the psalms and to understand the language better," said Beach.

The book can be used for worship and study by students and pastors. The charts help select passages for worship or study. The poetry of the psalms is significant both as a prayer and a psalm.

"I think it's beautiful, colorful, rich and varied," said Beach. "It's a great way to start a personal muse or small group conversation about some of the oldest psalms that have been presumed in human history."

Some are as old as 3,500 years, some come from Moses, others are post-exilic after the Babylon exile around 400 to 500 B.C.

The psalms have been preserved by meticulous copying by the scribes and the

Masoretes. Approximately 2,000 years ago 150 psalms were collected.

Webster served as the linguist in the project. Beach, as a therapist, explains the applications of the psalms to human life.

He was inspired by the book 'Cry of the Soul' that sparked his interest in psalms.

"They facilitate emotions," he said. "They give voice to suffering and giving praise."

Beach is currently working on a manuscript on prayer with the working title, "The Roaring Lions." Together with Webster, they are proposing a book on communion titled, "Let us Partake."

"I am hoping for enough interest to continue companions to the Bible," he said.

The book retails for \$17.99 and is selling better than Zondervan had hoped.

"It is ahead of the schedule," he said.

It is available at Amazon, Baker Book House, Barnes & Noble, Schuler's, Family Bookstores and Zondervan online.

The images in the book spark interest and relevance, according to Beach.

"It brings psalms into our context," he said.

The book makes a good gift for people interested in poetry and mainly in the Bible.

Beach lives with his wife Cynthia in Lowell.

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- John Cleese (1939 -)

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FFA teams advance to regionals

submitted by Kevin Nugent

On Wednesday, Feb. 9, 35 Future Farmers of America (FFA) members from Lowell traveled to Caledonia to compete in the District Leadership contest. The events are designed to help students develop leadership skills and prepare them for future careers. Students research chosen topics in any area of agriculture and demonstrate their knowledge through speeches and presentations. The contest areas range from public speaking events to Job Interview and Parliamentary Procedure. Students from Lowell competed against students from five area schools, with the top two teams from each event advancing to compete at the regional level.

Lowell had members advance to the regional level in six of the eight contests in which they competed. From the middle school, the team of Maria Blough, Amy Carpenter, Paul Crosby, Kelliann Jacobs, Mary Leasure, Brice Warner, and Rebecca Weaver advanced to the regional level in the Jr. High Conduct of Meetings contest.

Freshmen Emma Blough will participate in the Greenhand Public Speaking. Blough prepared and presented a 6-8 minute speech on using grasses for producing ethanol.

In the Extemporaneous Speaking contest, Kendra Merriman was given 30 minutes to prepare a 4-6

minute speech. She also will be moving on to the regional contests.

Emma Roderick will be representing Lowell in the Job Interview contest after preparing a resume and cover letter and successfully going through a mock interview.

In the Prepared Public Speaking contest, John Mark will represent Lowell at the regional contests. His speech is on milk spill regulations.

The team of Josh Bartholomew, Katie Bartholomew, Sarah Crosby, Melissa Grasman, Olivia Kauffman, and Kelsey Ward competed in the Agricultural Issues contest. This contest requires the team to prepare a skit that presents both sides of an issue facing agriculture.

The remaining students were all recognized with either a gold or silver award at the competitions but failed to advance. In Parliamentary Procedure, the team of Ben Carlson, Aaron Fetzer, Martin Hewitt, Craig Huber, Allison Oesch, and Conner Swift were named the alternate to the regional contests. Alternates from Lowell in the individual contests were Katy Mork in Extemporaneous Speaking and Forrest Stoffers in the Creed Speaking contest.

Also competing for Lowell were Levi Churches and Jacob Poll in Creed Speaking, Caitlin Clover and Kristen Schramm in Job Interview.

The regional contest

will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Lowell High School. The top teams will advance to compete at the state convention March 9-11 at Michigan State University.

FFA is a national youth leadership organization that strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Lowell FFA is one of the largest chapters in Michigan with over 100 members in grades 7-12.



Representing Lowell in the Extemporaneous Speaking contest will be Kendra Merriman.



In Prepared Public Speaking, John Mark will represent Lowell at the regional contests.



Emma Blough will be representing Lowell in the Greenhand Public Speaking contest.

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2011 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The Vergennes Township Board of Review for 2011 will be held at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr, on the following dates:

- *Tuesday, March 8, 8:00 am = Organizational Meeting
- *Monday, March 14, 1 pm to 9 pm = Appeal Hearing
- *Wednesday, March 16, 8 am to 12 Noon = Appeal Hearing

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The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2011 are as follows:

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*Residential	50.06%	9988
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Red Arrow SPORTS

Spotlight On Sports

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 kids we're all so proud of in the community.

What's your favorite position?

If you could play another position what would it be?

KR: Power forward which I play right now, but if I could play another I'd probably like to run the small forward position because it would allow me to post up the others.

AR: Favorite is center which is what I play also, but if I could choose I'd like to play point guard as well, so I can run the offense and control the show.

What is your favorite basketball movie? Why?

KR: Hoosiers because of them being the underdog, yet they still won.

AR: Coach Carter. Just a great story that makes you want to watch it.

What will you take with you in the off season and into next that coach McDonald has stressed to each of you?

KR: Work ethic, work hard and good things happen.

AR: Coach teaches us how to put everything together and play as a team and that will always stick with me.

Any pregame rituals? Any superstitions?

KR: No rituals really, I just get there 15 minutes early, get dressed, warm up and listen to some music.

AR: Listen to some music, go home and eat some good food before coming to the games. Before the game, all the guys always sit in the same area.

What's the biggest breakout or memorable basketball game you've ever played?

KR: This year against Union when I had 17 points coming off the bench.

AR: As a sophomore at Northview I played 34 out of 34 minutes (which included the overtime).

Do you have a favorite NBA or college basketball player?

KR: I really like watching Kobe Bryant play because he puts up just crazy shots that he makes. He's just a freak of an athlete.

AR: It would definitely be LeBron (James). I don't model my game after him but I just love the way he plays, he's a good player.

What do you think about the way he left Cleveland (LeBron James)? Any hard feelings toward him?

AR: I think Cleveland just needs to get over it. He chose to take a pay cut and go play with (Chris) Bosch and (Dwayne) Wade.

This Weeks' Athletes: Kyle Rogers, junior power forward, and Alec Roerig, junior center
Sport: Lowell Boys' Varsity Basketball

What's in your iPod or MP3 right now?

KR: Mostly Lil' Wayne and Eminem.

AR: I enjoy Kid Cudi, Wiz Keefer and Mike Posner, which not a lot of people enjoy but I like it.

Best things about basketball?

KR: Just practice, hanging with the guys because we're all pretty close, good friends and we have a good time together.

AR: I like how the team is like a family.

Have you had any memorable shots or plays?

KR: We were playing this AAU team at the Courthouse which had the best players from all over. We thought we were going to get crushed before the game and I came down and hit a game-tying three pointer as time expired and sent it into overtime which ended up being the only shot I hit the whole game.

AR: My freshman year at Grand Rapids Creston. It was a close game the whole way and it came down to the wire, but I ended up hitting a lay-up with about 20 seconds to tie it, send it into overtime and we won.

Do you have a favorite basketball drill?

KR: I really like our post up drills when we split up. We get to practice our moves and shots.

AR: A drill coach runs called shuffle shooting. The perimeter guys feed to us post guys and me and Elliot (Drain) have fun dunking on each other.

What is your favorite food?

KR: Definitely goulash! It's a family recipe, a homemade special my mom makes. I could eat it all day every day!

AR: I like a good steak and something healthy.

What's your favorite school subject?

KR: Definitely math because it's always comes pretty easy to me.

AR: History because I like to learn about our past.

Anything you want the community to know?

KR: Early in the season we went through struggles because of injuries, now we're really grown, doing better and we're going to get some wins.

AR: The team is hitting a good stride right now, we have some good chemistry going on and we always like to see more people come to the games as it makes us play harder too.

Parents? Brothers and sisters?

KR: Parents, Jane and Andy; older sister, Megan.

AR: Parents, Mary Beth and Scott; older sister, McKenzie; older brother, Kirk.

HOCKEY

Loss to South Christian sets up conference showdown on Friday

by Shane Beach

People in attendance were treated to championship-type games Friday night as the two top Tier III teams in the conference met. Lowell/Caledonia (L/C) took on South Christian. L/C started the game out quick with goals from Tyler Bitterman and Zack Hoffman with the assists going to Justin Pinto, Jordan Swift, and Brandon Jamieson. South Christian was quick to answer back with two goals of their own before the end of the first period knotting the game at two goals a piece.

South Christian came out racing in the second period with two goals within the first seven minutes putting L/C in a hole at 4-2. However, with less than

five minutes remaining in the period, L/C scored on a power play goal by Swift with an assist going to Jake Rossman. The second period ended with L/C trailing 4 - 3.

The third period started out buzzing just as the second ended. The players were leaving everything they had out on the ice. L/C scored first, in the third period, just over six minutes in by Karson Arnold. Unfortunately, this would be the last of the goals for L/C. South Christian scored the go ahead goal with under four minutes remaining, making the score 5 - 4. L/C pulled the goalie, Nate Propst, to get the extra attacker on the ice in an attempt to tie the game at five. However,

South Christian was able to score on an empty net with thirty-eight seconds remaining.

Coach Beurer stated, "This was an excellent hockey game by both teams. The atmosphere was awesome for the players. We are definitely looking forward to the rematch with this team next Friday, Feb. 18, at Kentwood Ice Arena."

This was the first conference loss for L/C this season with three games left to play. The Feb. 18 rematch against South Christian should determine the conference winner. Be sure to catch the action on the ice as Lowell/Caledonia goes for a conference championship.

Scoring

Tyler Bitterman, senior (L) - 1 goal; Zack Hoffman, senior (C) - 1 goal; Jordan

Swift, senior (C) - 1 goal, 1 assist; Jake Rossman, sophomore (C) - 1 assist; Karson Arnold, senior (C) - 1 goal; Brandon Jamieson, senior (C) - (C) - 1 assist.

BASKETBALL

Aggressive defense key to second win

by Shane Beach

The Red Arrows earned a nice nonleague win over the visiting Rockets of Muskegon last Tuesday night vs. Muskegon Reeths-Puffer, 41-30.

The Red Arrows used a very aggressive 1-3-1 trapping zone to speed up the first quarter. It worked perfectly as Reeths-Puffer turned the ball over and got them to take quick shots leading to some easy baskets

for Lowell. Blake Lyman scored five points, as Alec Roerig chipped in three and Kyle Rogers added a basket, in the low-scoring first quarter.

Lowell took a 10-4 lead into the second quarter as Jason Malling, Dan Wernet, Elliott Drain, Al Roerig and Justin Castro each chipped two points for Lowell.

More defense from the Red Arrows did not allow the Rockets to score one point in the third quarter,

Red Arrow SPORTS

- Wrestling

Red Arrow wrestlers are District champions 12 wrestlers advance to individual regional meet

submitted by Nancy Dodd

Wednesday evening at Ionia High School, the Lowell wrestling team won the District championship by defeating Ionia, 65-12.

In the first match of the evening Ionia took on Forest Hills Eastern, defeating the Hawks 64-18, putting the Bulldogs in the finals against Lowell.

Lowell dominated from beginning to end, winning 12 of the 14 matches, with eight pins, one technical fall, two decisions and a void.

The highlight of the evening was when senior Zack Jeffries and junior Gabe Morse both received their 100th career wins. Jeffries won his match by decision, 10-5, over Trevin Townsend and Morse received his by pinning his opponent, Anthony Chapa.

Lowell received wins from junior Andrew Morse, senior Dan Fleet, junior Jake Stehley, freshman Garrett Stehley, junior Gabe Dean, junior Luke Stephens, freshman Bailey Jack, sophomore Scott VanOosten, junior Calvin Meyer, and freshman Kanon Dean.

This win advances the Red Arrows on to team Regionals next Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Lowell High School beginning at 5:30 pm.

After the wrestlers competed this past Saturday in the individual Districts held at Middleville High

School, 12 of 14 advanced to individual Regionals.

Head coach Dave Dean said, "It was a great day. The boys wrestled really well and we have 12 of 14 boys moving on to regionals next week. I couldn't be happier. And nine are underclassmen."

Lowell came away with four champions. Junior Gabe Morse (140 lbs) won by technical fall over Kenny Cross of Hastings, 21-6. Junior Andrew Morse (145) pinned James McCormick of Eaton Rapids in 58 seconds of the first period, senior Dan Fleet won by injury default over Collin Ferguson of Hastings, and junior Gabe Dean won by injury default.

Second place finishers were freshman Bailey Jack, who lost a hard fought match to Lansing Eastern's Luis Labaut, 10-8. Junior Calvin Meyer, who wrestled real well all day, lost by pin to the number one seed, Cameron Maldonado of Lansing Waverly and freshman Garrett Stehley lost by injury default to teammate Gabe Dean at 189 pounds.

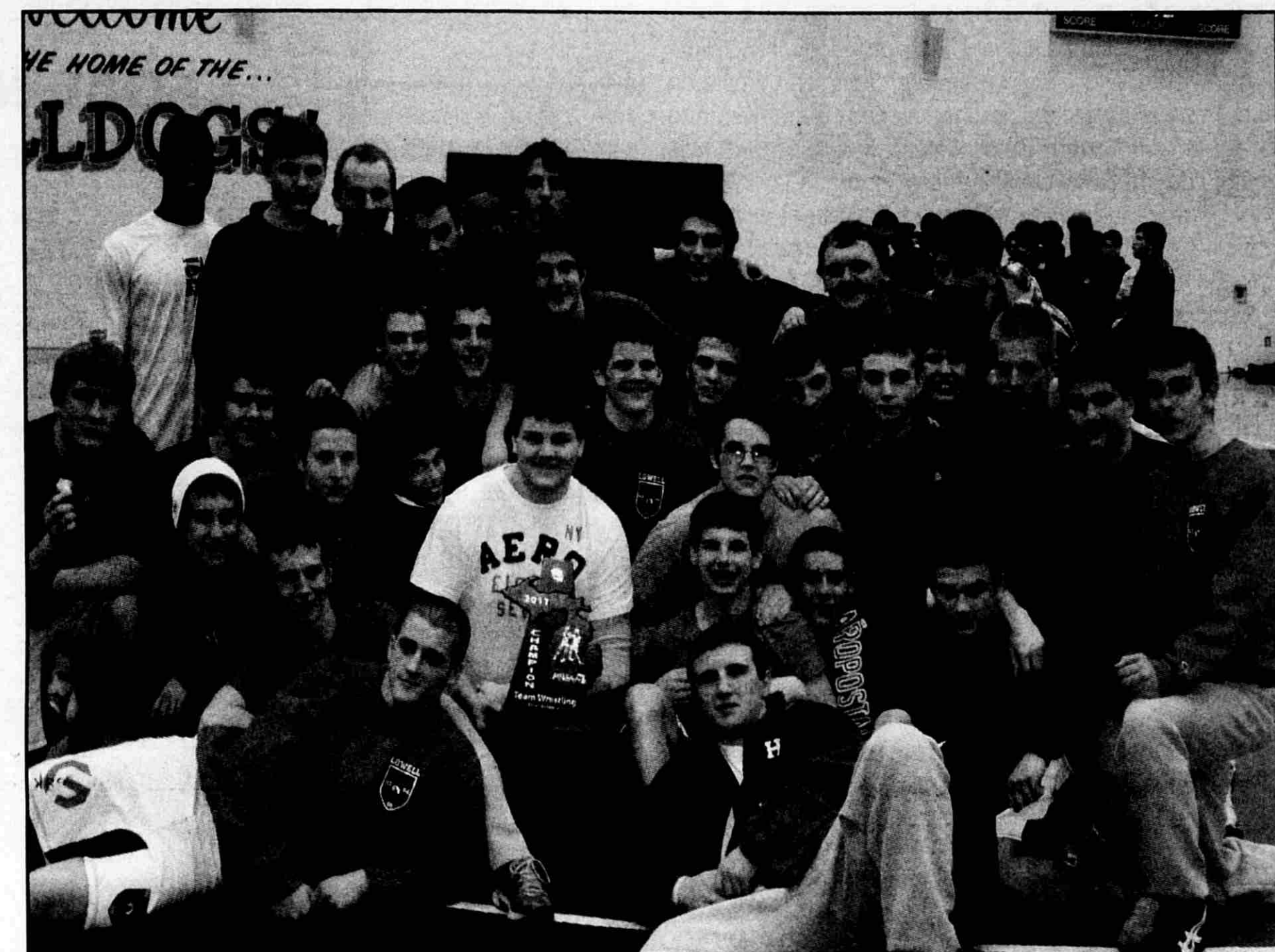
Senior Zack Jeffries (119) lost a tough match in overtime in the semifinals, but wrestled his way back to place third by beating Von Thang of Middleville. Also placing third was freshman Kanon Dean (135) with a 3-1 decision over Brandon

Piggott of Ionia and junior Jake Stehley (160) with a 3-2 decision over Tyler Walls of Richland Gull Lake.

Senior Wade Schlosser won 7-0 over Dan Dykstra of Middleville and junior Luke

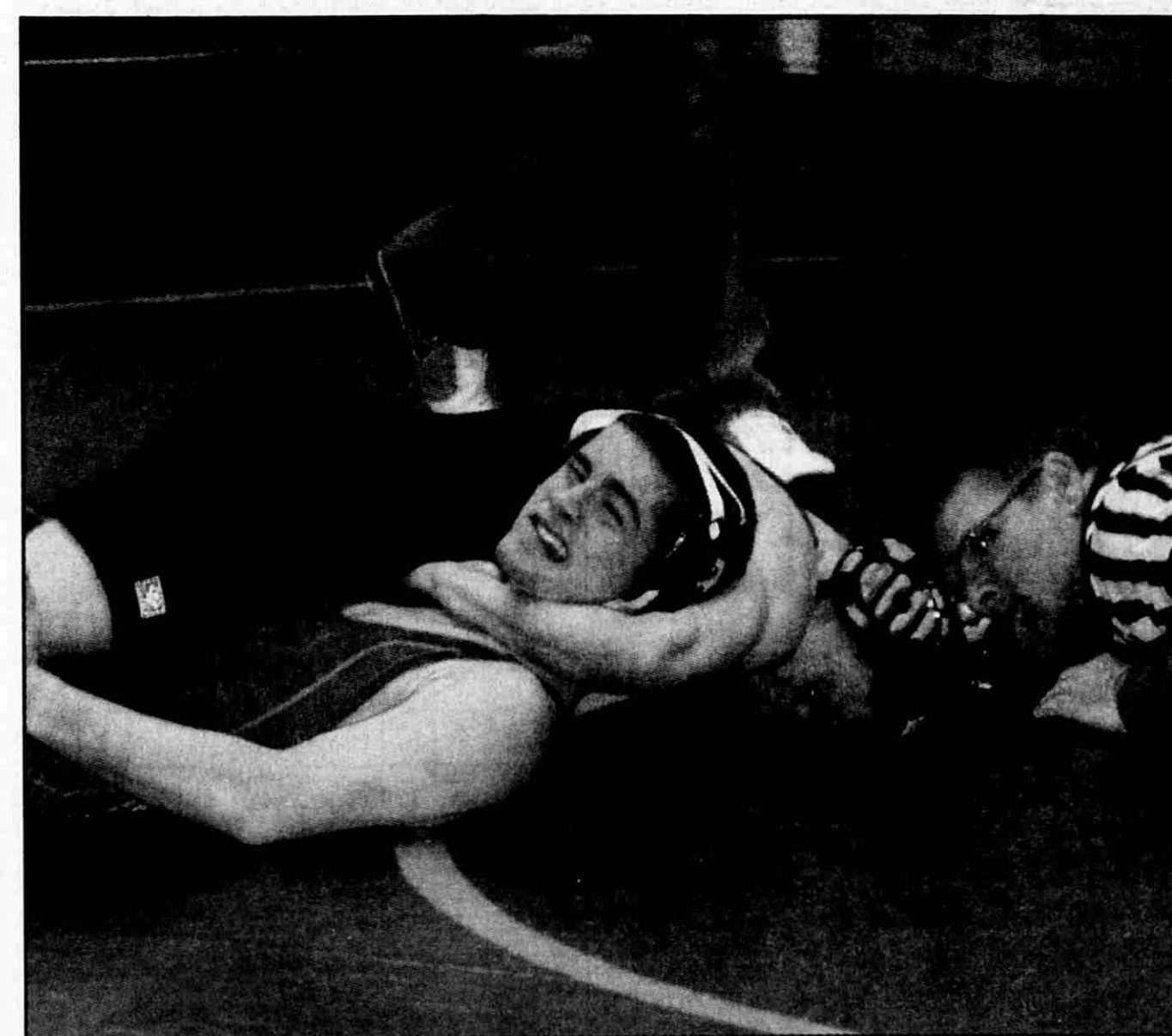
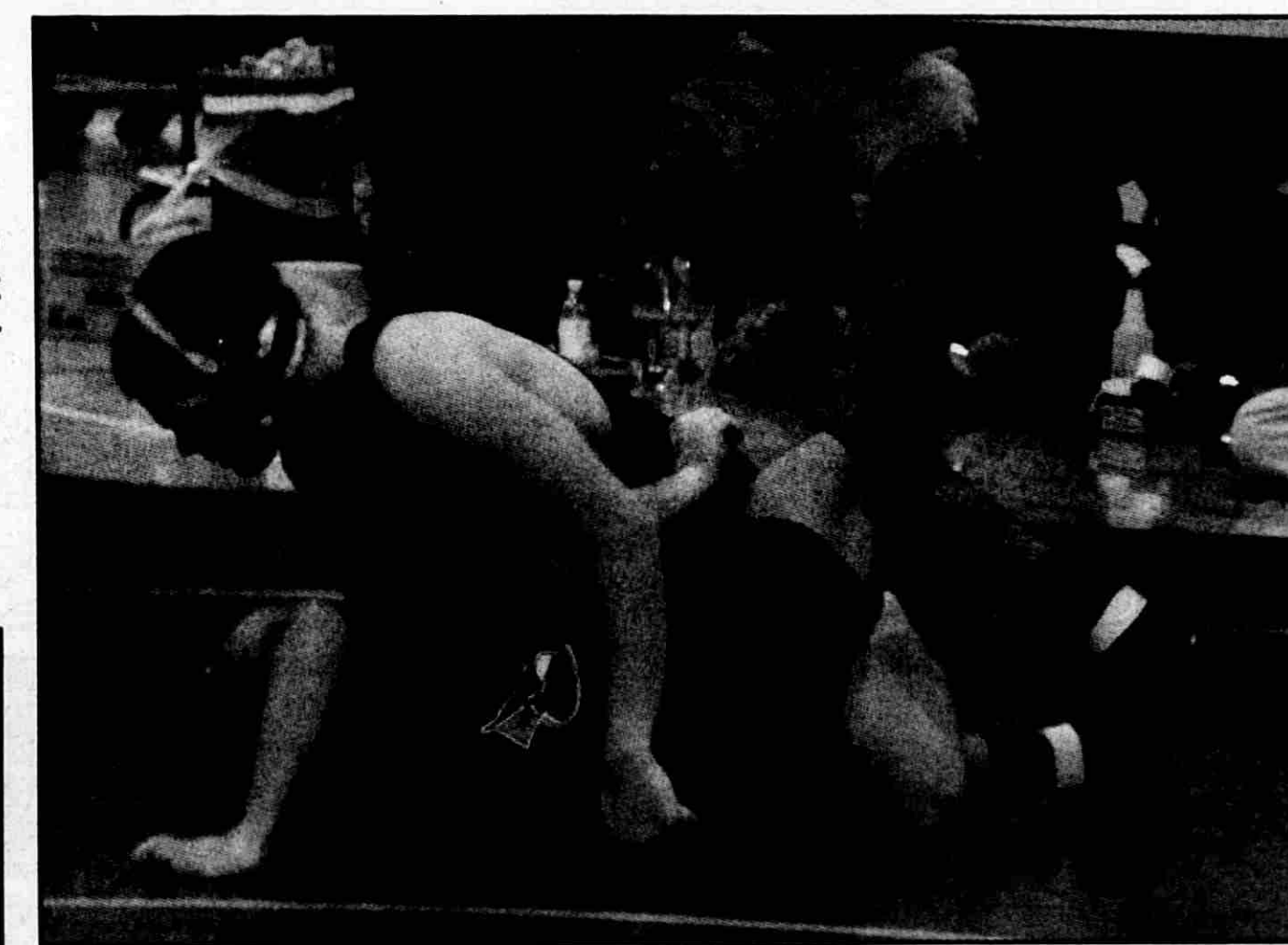
Stephens (285) beat Ionia's Luke Smalley, 10-4. These wrestlers will compete

at individual Regionals next Saturday, Feb. 19 at Hamilton High School.

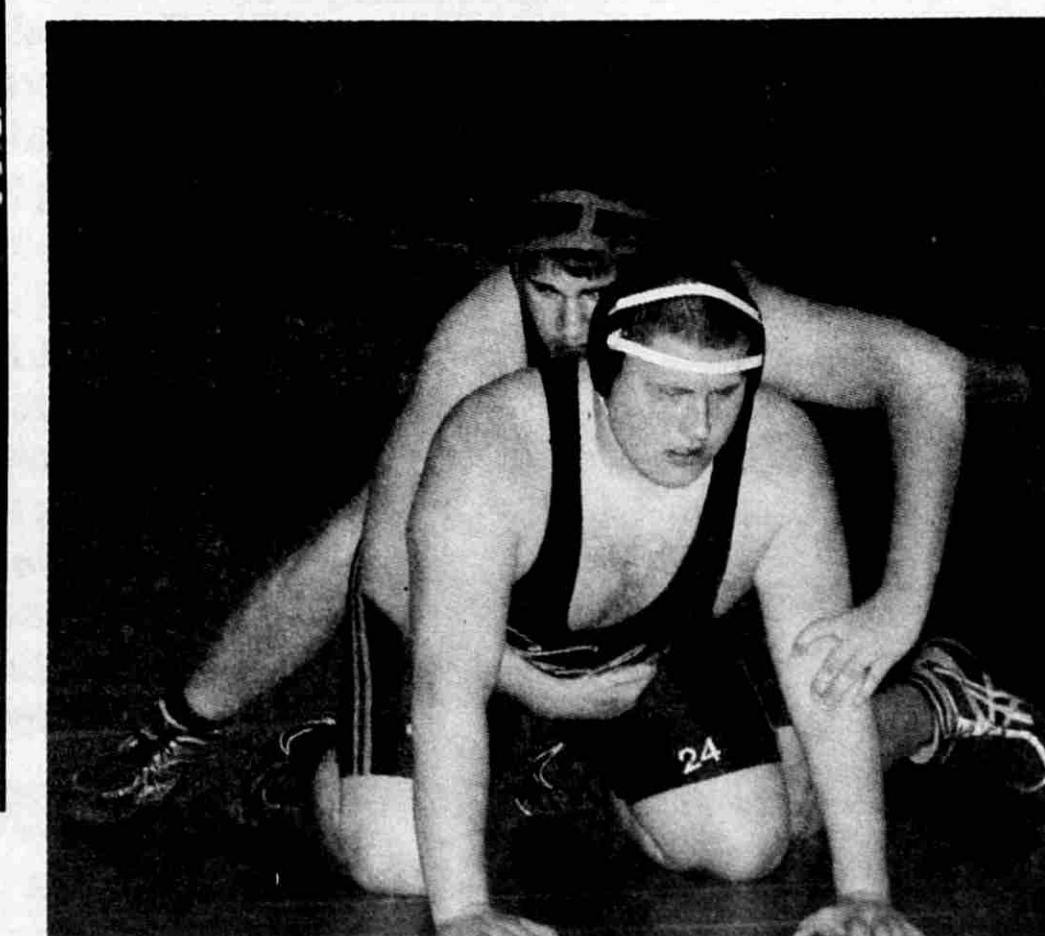


Lowell Red Arrow wrestlers pose with their trophy as District champions.

Jake Stehley takes down his opponent Mickey Emenhiser of Charlotte.



Kalvin Meyer in individual District action.

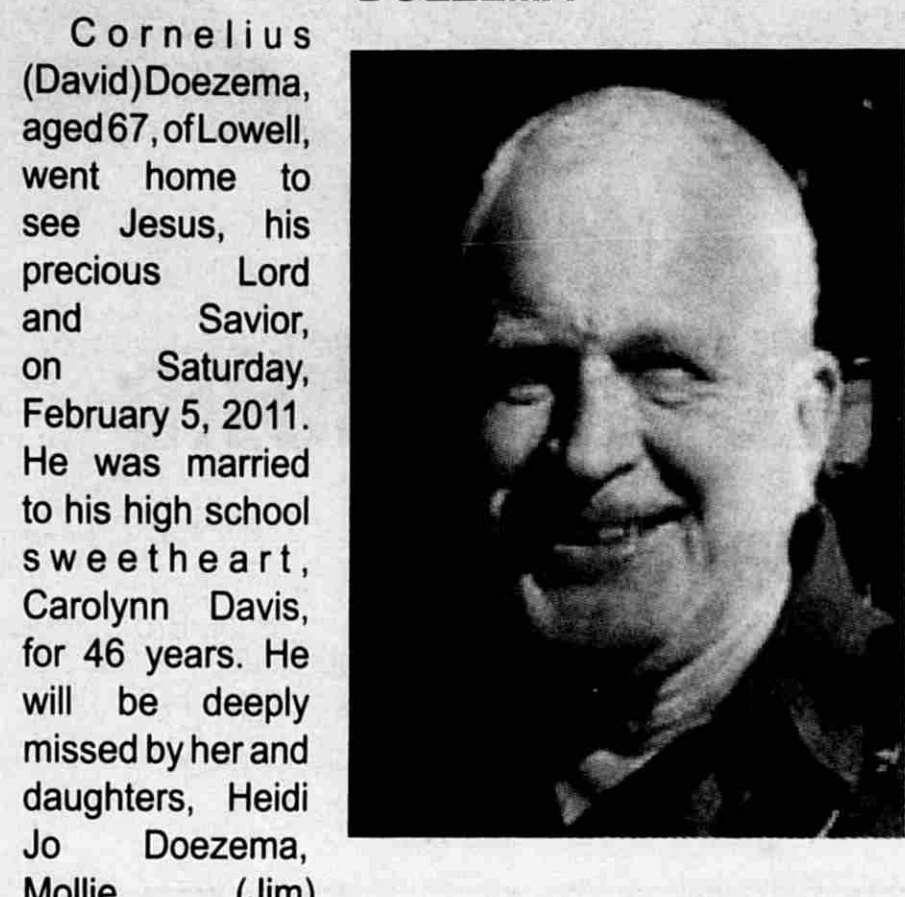


Luke Stephens in individual District action.

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Cornelius (David) Doezema, aged 67, of Lowell, went home to see Jesus, his precious Lord and Savior, on Saturday, February 5, 2011. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Carolynn Davis, for 46 years. He will be deeply missed by her and daughters, Heidi Jo Doezema, Mollie (Jim) Sullivan and Julianne (Dion) Ulrich; grandchildren, Anna, Jim Jr., Ben and Sterling; sisters, Julie Van Solkema and Willa (Bill) Helphingstine; nieces, nephews, and father-in-law Richard Davis. Private family funeral was held Friday at Roth-Gerst Private Home in Lowell with Rev. Lew Vander Meer officiating. Interment will be at Bailey Cemetery. Contributions in memory of David may be made to Guiding Light Mission, 255 Division S., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

SMITH

Joyce Ann Smith, age 63, of Lowell, passed away February 3, 2011. She was born January 17, 1948, the daughter of Mark and Lucille Fenlon. Joyce is survived by her fiancé John Elzinga; sons, Parish Smith and Terry Smith; daughter, Becky Elzinga; brothers, Ron (Lavern) Fenlon and Tim (Patty) Fenlon; sister, Carol (Edward) Neelis; grandchildren, Marissa Baker, Parrish Smith II, Anna Smith and Jenna Smith; and great-grandchildren, Emmah and Molly Baker. She was preceded in death by her parents. Joyce will be fondly remembered by her family and many good friends. A memorial service will be held in June to celebrate her life.

Obituary for Cassie Gale Stinchcomb, August 4, 1982 - February 12, 2007. Loving memories never die. Time will never diminish our feelings of love for you and our sense of loss. - Father, Mark Stinchcomb, family and friends

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 11-189718-DE Estate of SHIRLEY A. KARPINSKI, Date of birth: 02/15/1930. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to DAVID KARPINSKI, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 02/11/2011 John D. Flynn (P27413) 1275 Hawthorne Hills SE Ada, MI 49301 616-897-6632 David Karpinski 14046 E. Geronimo Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85259 480-451-6530

Obituary for Louis C. Mulder, 10-31-1919 to 2-21-2010. In loving memory of my husband who passed away one year ago February 21, 2010. Loving memories never die. Time rolls on and days go by. In my heart memories are kept of the one I love and will never forget. Sadly missed by his wife Ella

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PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are ran on a space available basis & ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO RUN. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not run ANY Garage or Rummage Sales as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell. 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.womenforsobriety.org. BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY - meets the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Historical Museum at 84th/Alden Nash. NEEDLERS - Second & fourth Monday evenings, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Schneider Manor Community Room. WOMEN OF THE MOOSE - third Monday at 7:30 p.m. for business meeting. AMERICAN LEGION CLARK-ELLIS POST 152 - meets the fourth Monday at 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m. ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post. V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E. LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. at 6:30 p.m. BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Randy Jesberg at 897-4569 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814. TAKEOFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS #372 - every Tuesday at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m. CUB SCOUT PACK 3188 - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main. QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTS-MAN'S CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome. LOWELL LIONS CLUB - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall. COFFEE BREAK/LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Sept. - May, Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. No church membership or experience required. Bring preschoolers for Story Hour & Craft. Free nursery for younger children. There's an evening class on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. No children's class. Calvary Christian Reformed Church, M-21 across from Burger King. 897-7060. DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP - 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 Tuesdays at St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m. BACK TO BASICS - every Tuesday 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 Chamber of Commerce. Visit www.lowellareatrailway.org or call Mari 897-5671. ALANON - Tuesdays at 7 p.m. First Congregational Church, 865 Lincoln Lake Ave, North door. 616-581-1059. BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - ev-

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Red Arrow SPORTS

- HOCKEY

Propst key to 4 - 0 shutout of Kalamazoo Blades

by Shane Beach
 Lowell/Caledonia (L/C) came out a bit flat Saturday after their loss to South Christian Friday night. "We were playing our style of game even though we were doing it at a much slower pace than I would like," said coach Beurer. L/C was able to score a goal in the first period when Karson Arnold got one past the goaltender

for Kalamazoo with an assist by Justin Lehman. Coach Beurer stressed working hard going into the second and L/C dug deep and were able to get three goals in the third period to put the game out of reach against the Kalamazoo Blades. Second period goals were added from Andrew Light with assists going to Tyler Bitterman and

Brandon Jamieson. Two remaining goals were scored by Bitterman and Justin Pinto with assists going to Jake Rossman, Pinto and Jordan Swift. Coach Beurer stressed, "I think the hero of the night for L/C was our goaltender, Nathan Propst, who played absolutely outstanding." Propst stopped all 31 shots

on goal to net his third shutout of the season. "I was happy we had one player that showed up ready to play and that was Nathan," commented coach Beurer at the end of the game. **Scoring** Tyler Bitterman, senior (L) - 1 goal, 1 assist; Karson Arnold, senior (C) - 1 goal; Andrew Light, junior

(L) - 1 goal; Justin Pinto, freshman (C) - 1 goal, 1 assist; Brandon Jamieson, senior (C) - 1 assist; Justin Lehman, senior (L) - 1 assist; Jordan Swift, senior (C) - 1 assist; and Jake Rossman, sophomore (C) - 1 assist. After this weekend, Lowell/Caledonia's overall record for the season

stands at 12 - 8, with an 8 - 1 conference record with three conference games left to go on the season. Don't miss the big showdown Friday night, Feb 18, vs. South Christian. Saturday night Lowell/Caledonia will be in action playing Jenison at 6 pm at Georgetown Ice Arena.

Basketball, continued

After the games coach McDonald added, "I was proud of how we brought our own energy tonight. It's a nonleague opponent who really tried to slow down the game. Our kids responded with some aggressive defense which led to easy baskets. I'm really happy for our players. These kids work hard, have a great attitude. We are very deserving of

some wins. But like I keep saying, we have to go out and earn them." Our boys jumped on top of East Grand Rapids in the first quarter, with great energy and enthusiasm Friday night, as they took a 7-4 lead. Roerig (four points), Lyman (two) and Wernet (two). East Grand Rapids outscored the Red Arrows 14-8 in the second to take a

lead into halftime. Malling kissed a soft shot off the glass, Sam Steed hit a pull up triple and Wernet banked in a triple to account for the Red Arrow scoring. After Lowell took a 21-20 lead, East went on a 9-0 scoring run triggered by Austin Howell's six points. A triple by Deandre Grady forced a time out by Lowell.

"We just seem to have a two or three minute scoring drought in each game that provides a tough hole to dig ourselves out of," stated McDonald. Deon Jobe thwarted any comeback by Lowell as he poured in 10 of his 19 points in the final stanza to top the Red Arrows by a final score of 49-31. Coach McDonald

added, "In the fourth quarter we had some critical turnovers which led directly to 1 on 0 lay-ups. I'm confident when we can play any team five on five in half court. But you can't defend run out lay-ups." "I don't like to simplify a basketball game by saying 'we just couldn't make shots' but that sums up this game. We had numerous

opportunities in and around the paint, but they just wouldn't go." "We're gonna try to reidentify ourselves these last three weeks. We need to somehow try to score in the 50's and 60's. Whether that comes from pressing and trapping more or increasing our possessions by shooting the ball quicker. Or maybe a combination of both."

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

02/10/2011

John D. Mitus (P31244) 410 Bridge St., NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-774-4001

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on March 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: on the petition of Leslie Patten for the appointment of a guardian for Gerald H. Hall.

FILE NO. 11-189802-GA

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FILE NO. 11-189813-DE

Susan J. Hite 218 Straight, NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504

02/14/2011

In the matter of HELEN SCHOTT TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: MARIANN BRITTON whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

In the matter of GARY MITCHELL TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: DENISE DAMEROO and BECKY LANGLAND whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

Estate of JUNE J. AFTON, a/k/a JUNE S. AFTON a/k/a JUNE AFTON, Date of birth: 08/22/1925.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

John D. Flynn (P27413) 1275 Hawthorne Hills SE Ada, MI 49301 616-897-6632

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on March 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: to appoint a guardian and conservator for HELEN SCHOTT.

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on March 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: to appoint a guardian and conservator for GARY MITCHELL.

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JUNE J. AFTON, who lived at 218 Straight, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 01/28/2011. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to SUSAN J. HITE, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue, NW, Ste. 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after

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FILE NO. 11-189827-GA

In the matter of GERALD H. HALL. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: GERI-ANN HUNTER whose address(es) are

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LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU Week of Feb. 21, 2011

MON: No School. Mid-Winter Break.

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

WED: Homemade cheese pizza (fish sandwich w/ cheese on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), celery sticks/broccoli florets, low fat ranch dipping sauce, applesauce, milk.

THURS: Chicken drumstick w/wheat bread (tuna salad sandwich also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes & gravy, diced peaches, milk.

FRI: Macaroni & cheese (Burrito w/salsa also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), green beans, orange wedges, warm soft pretzel, milk.

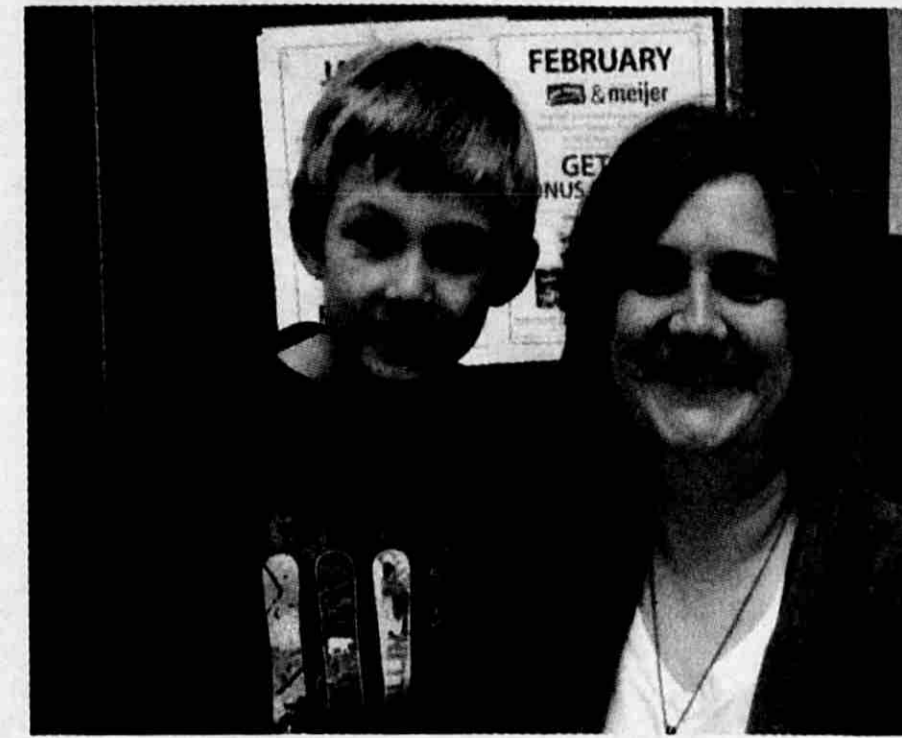
Hessler named Volunteer of the Month at Murray Lake

Murray Lake parent Lisa Hessler was named Volunteer of the Month for January. Hessler is married to husband Craig. They have three children. Jake is a second grader at Murray Lake. Ryan is a seventh grader at Lowell Middle School and Emily is a tenth grader at Lowell High School.

"Lisa comes in my classroom on a weekly basis to help during math class. She is very dependable and I can tell she enjoys working with the students. She is efficient and is willing to do anything I ask of her," commented Murray Lake second-grade teacher, Lori Cyrocki.

"I enjoy volunteering in the classroom because it gives me a chance to get to know the other kids and spend time around my son in a different setting. Mrs. Cyrocki is so easy to help out and it's fun being in her classroom. The kids always make me smile. My parents were both teachers so I know how much it can help to have an extra set of hands," said Hessler.

Hessler works at Tower Pinkster, an architectural/engineering firm in Grand Rapids, where she is a project coordinator. When not working or volunteering, Hessler enjoys hanging out with her family and friends.



616-897-0787

Your question "Should astronaut stay home with his wife or fly with space shuttle?" only had two choices-yes/no. How do I answer - NO - he shouldn't stay with wife & YES - he should go on space shuttle? Also, great interview with Noah Burt!

"Spotlight on Sports" should be renamed "Spotlight on Boys' Basketball." Over three weeks they've highlighted six boys' basketball players. There are other sports at Lowell and there are also female athletes that need to be recognized.

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

last week's **Sound Off** poll result:

Should the astronaut stay with his recuperating wife or fly his last mission on the Endeavor?

YES He should stay with his wife 43%

NO He should fly 57%



FEBRUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 15

- President Obama unveils a \$3.7 trillion budget for 2012 that proposes painful cuts in many programs. The budget falls short of the country's long-term debt of Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. The budget takes a big bite out of domestic spending and would slash deficits by \$1.1 trillion over the next decade.

- General Motors Co. will pay up to \$4,000 apiece in profit sharing bonuses this year - its largest ever - to about 45,000 U.S. factory workers.

- President Barack Obama welcomes the peaceful transition of power in Egypt with the resignation of longtime President Hosni Mubarak. "The people of Egypt have spoken. Their voices have been heard. And Egypt will never be the same," he declared.

- Portland, Orgeon - A man who filmed the speedometer of his car while driving over 140 mph, so he could post it on YouTube, ended up in jail and the video confiscated, police say.

THEME: U.S. PRESIDENTS

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- Coolness and composure
- Princess tester
- Coke, e.g.
- Donor's bequest
- Hole punching tool
- Apartment building level
- Often done to frying pan
- Fishing mesh
- Cut down to fewer decks, as in ship
- *He coined term "normalcy" yet gave his dog special seat at the cabinet table
- *First president to have a phone in his office
- Drink rocks
- One in mattress
- *1600 Pennsylvania
- Cream-filled treat
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- Unit of force
- Moth-repelling wood
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- Hipbone
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- Classic song "_____ on Me"
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- Victoria Beckham, formerly
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- Sudden spasm of pain
- Mama sheep
- Poetic although
- Member of eastern European people
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- One who gets things done
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- Lark about
- They had their revenge in the 80s
- "O" in OPEC
- Pack heat, e.g.
- *Primary author of Monroe Doctrine
- Undefined
- Remove, as in wrong answer
- Young hawk
- Bride's cover
- Ran in neutral
- Water nymph
- *First president to run against a woman
- Actor Kristofferson
- Makes mistakes
- Olden day calculators
- *Camp David Accords witness
- Romance
- Humorist
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- Legendary actress Turner
- Basketball big man O' _____
- 1990s negation
- *James Buchanan, only president never to

Solution on page 12

Frigid temperatures create icy paradise for fishermen



Recent frigid temperatures created ideal conditions for ice fishing on the area lakes. Shanties and various structures have appeared on the ice. Prior to the great thaw, the southern side of Murray Lake in Vergennes Township was sprinkled with ice fishermen fishing for bluegills. In town, the ice skating rink at Richards Park attracted amateur hockey players and skaters of all sorts. After a brief thaw, the temperatures took a dive down again on Tuesday.

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- Evan Esar
(1899 - 1995)

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"Let me count the ways!"



1. You can shop at the Thrift Shop; (the money is used to help community members in their time of need.)
2. You can become a volunteer; there are many opportunities available!
3. You can donate your clean, gently-used clothing and household items.
4. You can make monetary and food donations.
5. Last, but not least, you can pray for this outreach ministry!

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