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Person of the year and community businesses receive accolades from Lowell Chamber of Commerce members

by Emma Palova

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce bestowed honors on area businesses and person of the year at the annual membership dinner held last week at Grand Volute.

It was a different ceremony this year, according to chamber

director Liz Baker. The award ceremony was highly emotionally charged due to deaths of well-known people, including Ivan Blough, Jeanne Shores and King Doyle.

"It was wonderful," said Baker. "People were emotional, but that's what happens when you have

that many people who give back. It's hard not to get emotional. Every single one



Joy Smith, Person of the Year.

of them gave 100 percent of their time. 2010 was a rough year."

Even the speaker's white stand was made by Blough, just like the reconstruction of the Showboat and the construction of the miniature replica of the Showboat.

Master of ceremonies Cliff Yankovich said he choked up when he wanted to talk during the dinner about Blough's plans to move the Saranac grain mill to the amphitheatre area.

"I couldn't do it," he said. "I talked to Ivan shortly before he died. He came often to the store and

we bounced ideas off of each other."

Blough built a replica of a restored mill that could serve as a retail center and a lesson in history.



Attwood CFO Pete Zimmer.

Yankovich expressed hope. After all, Ella's Coffee Shop has opened on Main Street along with Giggles and Gumdrops and Journeys Time antique store.

"This place – the Grand Volute – is still here and growing. Kent has had some

"I have faith that someone will step up and fill the void," said Yankovich. "We've lost a few businesses: I hope someone will open up a floral shop."

But although the past year resonated with losses and closed businesses,

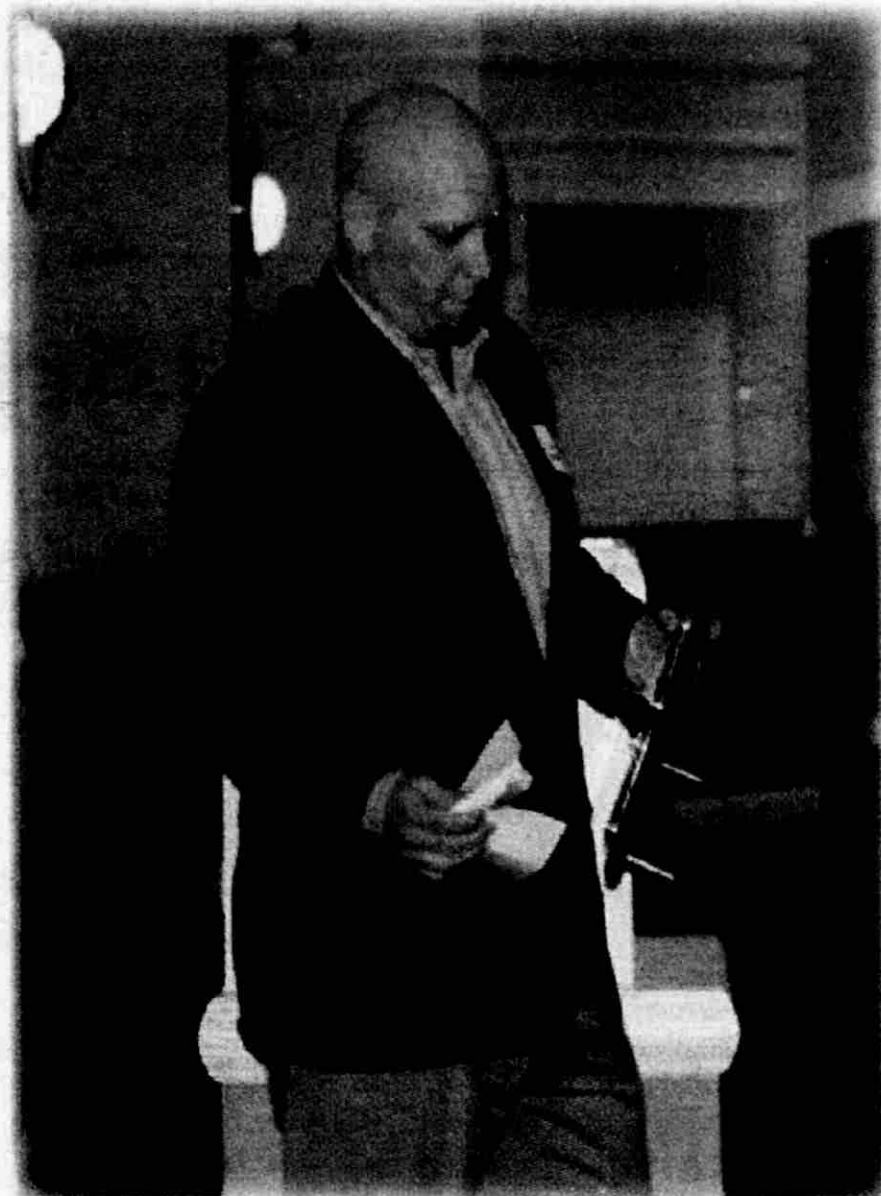


Chamber director Liz Baker.

nerve wracking time, but his vision for a top quality facility is being recognized by people all over West Michigan," said Yankovich.

The chamber dinner provided by Grand Volute was tasty in a classy environment. The meal featured pork loin in mushroom sauce, pasta shells with ricotta mascarpone, redskins, green bean medley and chilled tiramisu.

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Scott McDowell of All-Weather Seal.

Regional Champions



Lowell Red Arrow wrestlers are on their way to the state tournament in Battle Creek after winning the regional championship on Wednesday. Story on page 11

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Vergennes Township to seek grants from community foundations for high-speed wireless Internet

by Emma Palova

The Vergennes Township Board formed a committee to draft grant applications for funding of

high-speed wireless Internet Monday night.

The committee consists of five members, including clerk Mari Stone and treasurer

Jean Hoffman, Ryan Peel and other township citizens.

It will pursue funding from the Lowell Cable Television Fund and the Lowell

Community Foundation. If grant funding is obtained, Hoffman will administer the funds. Grant money will not co-mingle

with the township general fund. If grant money is awarded, additional private funding may have to be secured, according to Peel. In order not to jeopardize the grant award, pre-registrations for the Internet may have to be secured prior to the construction of towers. Several providers, such as REDfrog, may co-locate on the towers under the telecom act.

"There are a few milestones that have to be hit," said Peel. "The project has to work financially." However, since the project is contingent on grants, it can be cancelled anytime if the monies are not awarded.

Upon the completion of construction, all the assets and liabilities will be transferred from the township committee to a nonprofit 501(c)(2) co-op.

Stone questioned if they are built in spaces where the project can be halted.

Peel said not a dollar of the endowment money will be spent until pre-registrations are obtained.

"I don't have a problem setting up a committee," said Stone.

Peel offered to write the grant with the help from the Lowell Area Schools.

REDFrog gave their presentation about high-speed wireless Internet services in the area. The company has towers in six different areas and it will be expanding by two towers.

Two by two square miles is roughly the coverage effective area for wireless, according to co-owner Ron Bianchi.

"This is a rough terrain with a lot of trees," said Bianchi. "The towers are redundancies for each other."

"We're not just out to grab a buck," said co-owner Kirk Gee. "We believe in the

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along main street

LHS MUSICAL

Tickets for "The Sound of Music" are on sale at the high school main office.

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.

TOTS PRESCHOOL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

There will be an open gym, crafts, snack and puppet show on Tues., March 8, 6:30-7:30 pm at Runciman Gym, 300 High St. For additional information contact Lori Buys, 897-2532.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum will present a program with local Civil War historian, Bruce Butgereit, on the Civil War and its 150th anniversary. Butgereit has been researching the Civil War since he was nine-years-old. This program will be presented on Tues., March 15 at the Lowell Township Hall at 7 pm.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS

The Korean War Vets Chapter 306 is attempting to reach Korean War Veterans and interest them in their organization. The vets visit the Veteran's Home on a regular basis and go to area schools telling about their experiences in the Korean War. For more information contact Richard Swanson, 616-262-5320 or Sherm Nagelkirk, 616-895-4822.

VFW IS HERE TO HELP

The purpose of the VFW is to help other veterans. Many veterans returning home from serving our country don't realize the many benefits they are entitled to. The VFW is there to help any veteran who needs help concerning their benefits. If you are a veteran or if you know of a veteran that needs help, contact VFW commander Herm Weststrate, 897-9479 or senior vice commander Herb Rice, 897-4566. VFW can only help those that let us know their needs. The VFW Posts meet once a month on the first Monday at 7 pm.

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Lowell's Relay For Life kick-off rally planned for March

American Cancer Society gears up for a world with less cancer and more birthdays



On Thursday, March 3 at 6 pm the American Cancer Society 2011 Relay For Life of Lowell will officially get underway as event volunteers and participants gather at the Lowell City Hall for a kick-off rally to launch their fundraising efforts for the year.

Although the Relay For Life of Lowell is still four months away (it will be held at the Lowell High School Red Arrow Stadium on June 24-25), now is the time to

get involved. Everyone is invited to attend the kick-off celebration to learn more about the upcoming Relay For Life and how they can become part of an exciting overnight event that will pave the way to a world with less cancer and more birthdays. Light refreshments will be served.

This summer's Relay For Life will be the 6th here in Lowell. Since 2006, the Lowell Relay has raised over \$260,000 for the American

Cancer Society's fight against cancer.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event dedicated to increasing awareness and raising funds to fight cancer. Teams of family, friends and co-workers camp out overnight, taking turns walking the track. During the event, participants and visitors will have a chance to celebrate the victory of cancer survivors during a survivors lap; remember

those we have lost to the disease during a poignant luminaria ceremony; and participate in a "fight back" ceremony that gives everyone a chance to proclaim their way of taking action against the disease.

Learn more about the June 24-25 Lowell Relay for Life and how to join or start a team by visiting the website: www.relayforlife.org/LowellMI

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FILE NO. 11-189861-DE

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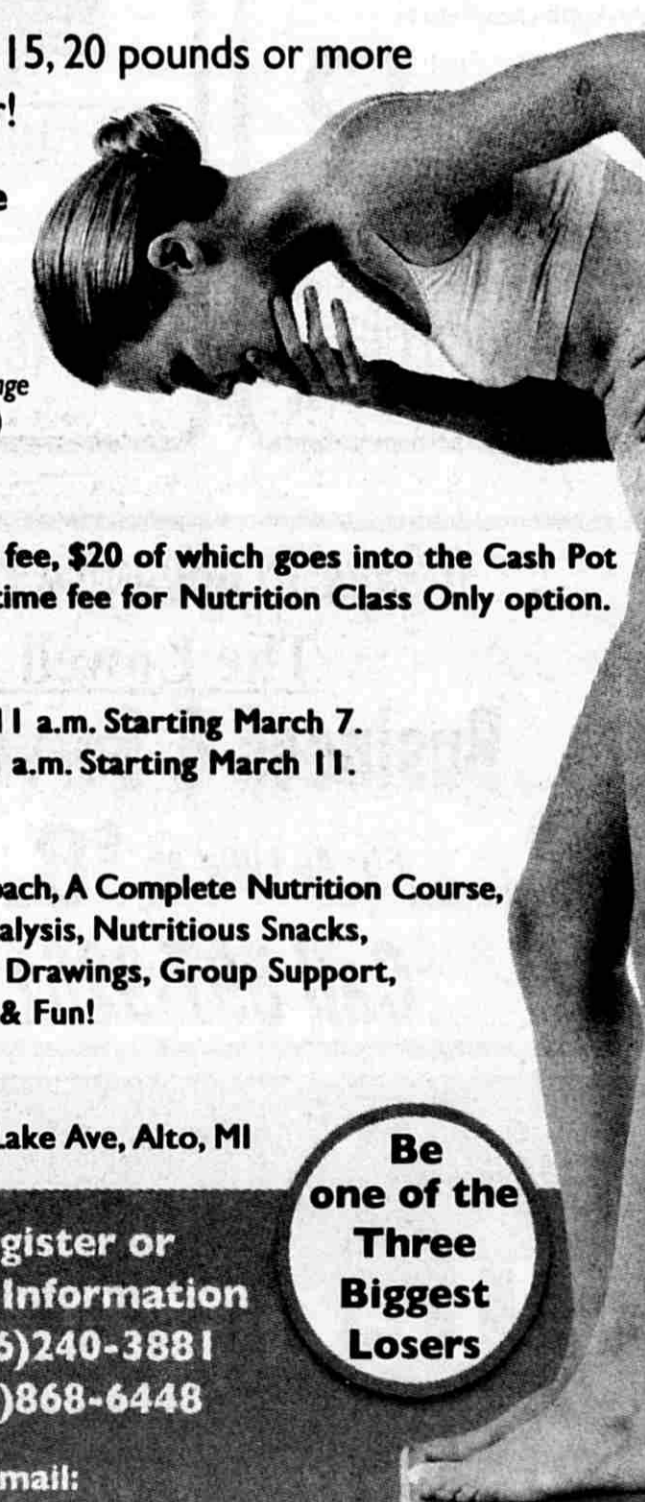
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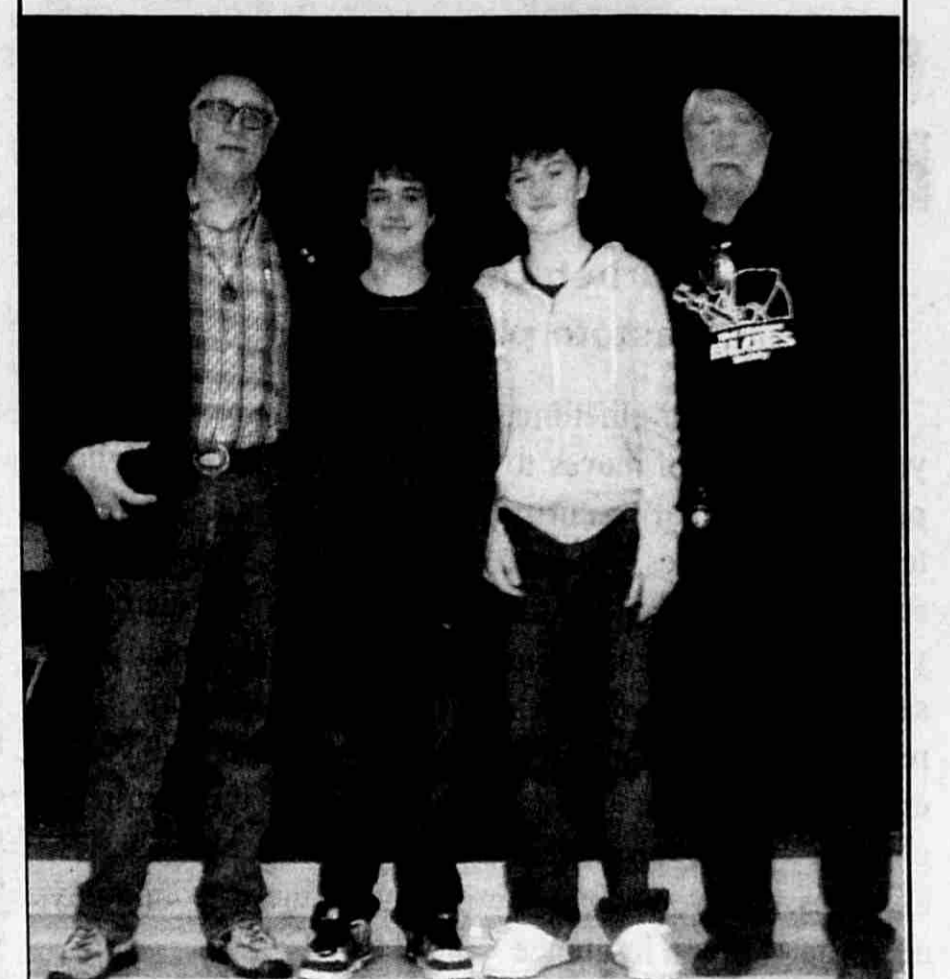
Location: 6043 Morse Lake Ave, Alto, MI

To Register or for more information Call (616)240-3881 or (616)868-6448

email: robinpaavola@gmail.com



Musicians visit Cherry Creek and share the blues



Students Alex Dommer and Cooper Perry with Jimmy Stagger and David "Dr. Hamfat" Marin.

Cherry Creek fifth graders had a wonderful opportunity of being entertained by local musicians Jimmy Stagger and David "Dr. Hamfat" Marin, members of the West Michigan Blues Society.

The students learned music appreciation and history. In addition, they were surprised to find that some of their favorite musicians have borrowed heavily from the blues and even played with blues musicians.

A highlight of the concert was an original composition, "Bad Grade Blues," with lyrics written by two former Cherry Creek students, Alex Dommer and Cooper Perry. Dommer and Perry wrote the words last year when they were students in Karen Latva's and Cindy Young's class.

The boys and their families were featured guests at the concert. Performances were scheduled in only five Kent County schools and fortunately the Blues Society, once again, selected Cherry Creek Elementary.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a Special Use Permit from Robin Engle to establish a Group Child Care Home in her single family dwelling for the care of 7 -12 minor children for periods of less than 24 hours per day.

Property Address: 11500 Trent Street Parcel Number: 41-20-04-403-026

The public is invited to attend this hearing which will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011 TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

The proposed site plan and other materials pertaining to this project are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township
Planning Commission

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Brush up on your estate plan basics

During your lifetime, you make a lot of moves to provide financial security to your loved ones. You put away money for college for your young children. You save and invest for your own retirement so that you won't ever burden your grown children with significant expenses. And you purchase adequate life insurance to enable your family to maintain its lifestyle should

anything happen to you. Yet, if you're going to help preserve your family's financial well-being after you're gone, you also need to take one additional step: *Create an estate plan.*

Toward that end, you'll want to start by learning a few of the estate plan basics, such as these commonly used tools:

• *Will* — For most people, a will is probably the most essential estate-planning document. Regardless of the size of your estate, you need a will to ensure that your assets and personal belongings

will be distributed according to your wishes. If you die intestate (without a will), your belongings will be distributed to your "heirs" as defined by state laws — and these distributions may not be at all what you had in mind.

• *Living trust* — A simple will may not be sufficient for your needs. Consequently, you may want to design a *living trust*, which provides you with more flexibility in distributing assets. For example, you could direct your living trust to disperse assets to your children or grandchildren at specific ages. Also, a living trust makes it possible for your assets to be distributed without going through the often time-consuming, and public, probate process.

• *Beneficiary designations* — Over time, your life may change in many ways, through marriage, remarriage, children,

stepchildren and so on. That's why it's important to periodically update your beneficiary designations on your insurance policies and retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k). These designations are powerful and can even supersede the instructions left in your will or living trust, so it's essential that you've got the right people listed as your beneficiaries.

• *Irrevocable life insurance trust* — Depending on the size of your estate, your heirs may ultimately have to pay estate taxes, though the estate tax laws have been in flux in recent years, and may continue to evolve. If estate taxes are a concern, you may want to take steps to alleviate them, such as establishing an irrevocable life insurance trust, under which you'd transfer a life insurance policy out of your estate and have the trust

distribute the proceeds to the beneficiaries you've chosen.

• *Power of attorney* — A power of attorney allows you to appoint a person (an "Attorney-in-Fact" or "Agent") to handle your affairs if you can't do so yourself.

• *Health care directive* — A health care directive allows you to name someone to make health care decisions on your behalf, should you become

physically or mentally incapacitated.

Estate planning can be complex, so you'll need to work with your tax, legal and financial advisors to make the arrangements that are appropriate for your needs. It may take some time to develop your estate plans, but it's well worth the effort.

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viewpoint

to the editor

Dear Editor,

Michigan's household income fell \$12,000 in the last decade, the equivalent of \$1,000 a month from the family budget. Lowell's tax base is near the top in Kent County.

With that in mind, a mistake of the past has come to the forefront and that is the failure to have a viable road replacement plan. As spring nears, the city roads will once again explode with potholes. Each year that goes by produces more and more. Lowell's 20 miles

of roads, which are twice the age of replacement, need to be replaced by at least a mile a year or the consequences in not doing so could be devastating.

I believe Lowell could do a mile a year with the help from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). The DDA needs to contribute more to the replacement of Lowell's roads. I will continue to speak out about this subject until the city council and the DDA understand that time is of the essence. Lowell

can get by very well without a new amphitheater, but not its roads.

With the family budget taking such a drain, it's not the time for the city to speculate on fruitless projects like a new amphitheater.

It's time to do what Lowell's governing body has failed to do in the last twenty years. It's time to start doing a mile a year starting this year.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard
Lowell

Appealing your property tax assessment



Senator Dave Hildenbrand

Homeowners should take a good look at their property tax assessment. Just as it's important to make sure your credit report is right, it's a good idea to make sure your property tax assessment is accurate.

The annual cap on taxable value (based on the inflation rate multiplier) has increased by 1.7 percent for 2011. However, because of declining property values throughout Kent County, some homeowners could actually see a slight decrease in property tax bills this year. Regardless of the amount of your overall property tax bill, it is still important to review your tax assessment to ensure it includes accurate property information and valuation.

As a start, you should check for errors on your appraisal card. Look over your home for structural damage or problems not associated with general aging that could affect the value of the property. It's also smart to research comparable properties in your area.

If you believe your tax assessment is in error, you can appeal to your local Board of Review (BOR), and if necessary, the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Keep in mind that you must appeal to the local Board of Review before you can appeal to the

Michigan Tax Tribunal. Plan now as Boards of Review meet the second week of March. **The Board of Review must meet on the second Monday in March, Monday, March 14.** The BOR must meet one additional day during this week and shall hold at least three hours of its required sessions during the week of the second Monday in March after 6 pm (MCL 211.30).

Senate legislation passed into law last year gives homeowners a little more time to prepare an appeal. The new law requires assessors to send out notices at least 14 days before the Board of Review meets.

You can find more information on how to effectively appeal your property tax assessment, as well as a link to the 2011 *Michigan Taxpayer's Guide* reference publication on my Web site at: www.SenatorDaveHildenbrand.com. If you would like a copy sent to you please contact my office toll-free at: (866) 305-2129 or via email: sendhildenbrand@senate.michigan.gov.

In this economy, it's important to account for every dollar! Taking the time to review your property tax assessment can be time and money well spent.

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By Shelly MacNaughton

125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal February 26, 1886

The Old Residents' Association of the Grand River Valley will hold its ninth annual reunion at Train's Hotel, in this village, Thursday evening, March 11, 1886, to which all old residents are specially invited. Supper 75 cents per couple. There will be speaking, music and other interesting exercises in the hotel parlors followed by a dance at the Rink.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger February 23, 1911

For the second time in five weeks, death has entered the Lampman home in this village, the wife and mother following the husband and father to their eternal rest. Mrs. Lampman passed away Monday afternoon having been ill ever since her faithful vigil at Mr. Lampman's bedside. Funeral services will be held at the home today, burial at Oakwood.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo February 20, 1936

Headline: Jesse James, Notorious Outlaw, Once Sojournd Here, Says and Old Legend
Rhine's hotel stood a little south and west of the site of the hotel in later years known as the Riverside in Segwun. It consisted of a downstairs bar and upper floor devoted to lodgings. The ruined foundations are still in evidence.

To this hostelry there was journeyed in the winter of 1878-79, a southern gentleman, "Colonel Thomas

Howard," late of the Confederate army. Colonel Howard had a cold blue eye and an unnaturally calm manner, even when a quartet at the bar burst into the lusty popular ballad, "Turn over the keys, for I am Jesse James."

During his three month's stay at the Rhine house, Colonel Howard visited the Lowell business district twice to make minor purchases. He played a good hand of euchre and pedro and since none of the Lowell boys tried to bring in a stacked deck, the winter passed quietly enough.

His local friends heard no more of Colonel Howard until he was shot by a faithless friend, Bob Ford, in St. Joseph, Mo. on September 3, 1882.

That Jesse James actually made Lowell his hideout, under the circumstances just given, is a legend persistent and able-bodied enough to have survived more than fifty years. There are several older residents who believe there are good grounds for the legend.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger March 2, 1961

Five school districts, out of six in the Bowne area, voted Tuesday to annex to Lowell area schools by large margins. In Sweet district, one of the nearest to Lowell, Proposal I to annex to Lowell was approved; Proposal II, tax rate limitation increase was turned down by one vote; Proposal III, assumption of debt (voted by property owners only) was approved.

The Lowell school board had announced last Friday, at an open meeting in Alto, that if five out of the six approved annexation, the proposal to build a school would be brought up to a vote. The large margin of approval in all the other districts prove that the citizens of this area want the best education available for their children and want the best facilities possible to educate them in.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger February 26, 1986

The 1985-86 wrestling team continued their spectacular season winning the Class B Regional held at Hudsonville High School last Saturday. Led by three individual champions and one runner-up, the Arrows compiled 77 1/2 points to win their first Regional championship since the 1964 season.

Congratulations go to coach Rivers on being selected Michigan regional coach of the year. Good job coach!

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college news

Alison Silk of Lowell volunteered in some capacity for President Barack Obama's Feb. 10 visit to Northern Michigan University (NMU).

Examples of student duties included - but were not limited to - taking photographs, helping to decorate the stage, assisting with a WiMAX

demonstration, crowd seating/monitoring and playing in the NMU Jazz Band, which entertained attendees while they waited for the speech.

The White House selected NMU as the location for President Obama to announce his National Wireless Initiative because of the university's WiMAX fourth-generation (4G) wireless service. NMU is the only university in the country to operate its own WiMAX network, which gives NMU students and employees broadband access to the university's network from off campus. NMU has also partnered with area cities and townships to extend WiMAX capability to non-commercial entities, such as local government, police and fire services and K-12

schools within the 40-mile coverage area. WiMAX is the latest symbol of NMU's commitment to technology. In 2000, the university launched a campus-wide notebook computer program. All full-time students receive notebook computers, software and technical support as part of tuition and fees. NMU also built an extensive wired and Wi-Fi infrastructure to support the program. WiMAX provides those who live off campus equal access to the NMU network.



At Your Local Library

Kent District Library programs at Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe St. For additional information call 616-784-2007.

Bookworms Adult Book Discussion
Join us for a friendly, informal discussion of *Outliers: The Story of Success* by Malcolm Gladwell on Tuesday, March 8 at 10 a.m.

Pokemon! Yu-Gi-Oh! Bakugan!
Calling all experienced Pokemon, Yu-Gi-Oh and Bakugan players - join our gaming group to play, trade and meet with other fans of these popular games. For ages 6 and up. Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.

Family Storytime
Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement as a family; develop early literacy skills and encourage a love of reading. For children ages 6 and under with a caregiver. Thursdays, March 17 - May 15, 10:30 a.m.

Northern Michigan University announced the dean's list for the fall 2010 semester.

Patrick R. Misner of Lowell qualified with a grade point average of 4.00.

The following students qualified with a grade point average of 3.25-3.99: Thomas I. Beddows, Charles H. King, Nicholas C. Leach, Kelly B. Shaheen, and Gregory P. Smale, all of Ada; Patricia R. Lawrence, Brandon N. Lee, Seth D. Mayhew, and Alison E. Silk, all of Lowell.

Spring Arbor University is pleased to announce that Derek Hiler of Saranac was placed on the fall 2010 academic honors list. The academic honors list recognizes full-time students who have received a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for the semester. Hiler is a freshman majoring in music-education/instrument. He is the son of Mark and Danna Hiler.

Hesche

Ryan and Wendy Hesche announce the birth of their son, Isaac Darrel Hesche. He was born on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 8:06 am weighing 9 lbs. 15 oz. and measuring 21 inches. Isaac was welcomed

home by big brothers, Dyson and William.

Grandparents are Phil and Cathy Hesche, Matt and Laurie Schultz, and the late Jamie Zeigler. Great-grandparents are Pat Long, Luella Pecktil, Alice Hesche, and the late Darrel Hesche.

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High-speed Internet, continued

community. You have to buy redundant equipment; the problem with going ahead is money."

Gee said the company is twice as strong as it was before reorganization in 2010.

Supervisor Tim Wittenbach questioned the percentage of coverage, of the township, by REDfrog, as well as what needs to happen to have the township blanketed.

"What's the future of this," said Wittenbach. "High-speed Internet is like electricity today. Kids do projects on the Internet; we had to go to the library or look it up in the Webster's." Gee said the company grew with opportunity.

"Vergennes came to us

as a squeaking wheel," he said. "We want to keep going in Vergennes Township."

Gee said the company is looking at partnering with the Murray Lake Marina and sometimes using silos to mount antennas.

"That's been difficult," said Gee.

The company has overall 200 customers with 80 Vergennes subscribers.

"We look at a three-year return on investment," Gee said.

Upgrades are necessary at least every 10 years. A two-year contract is required with REDfrog to stay profitable.

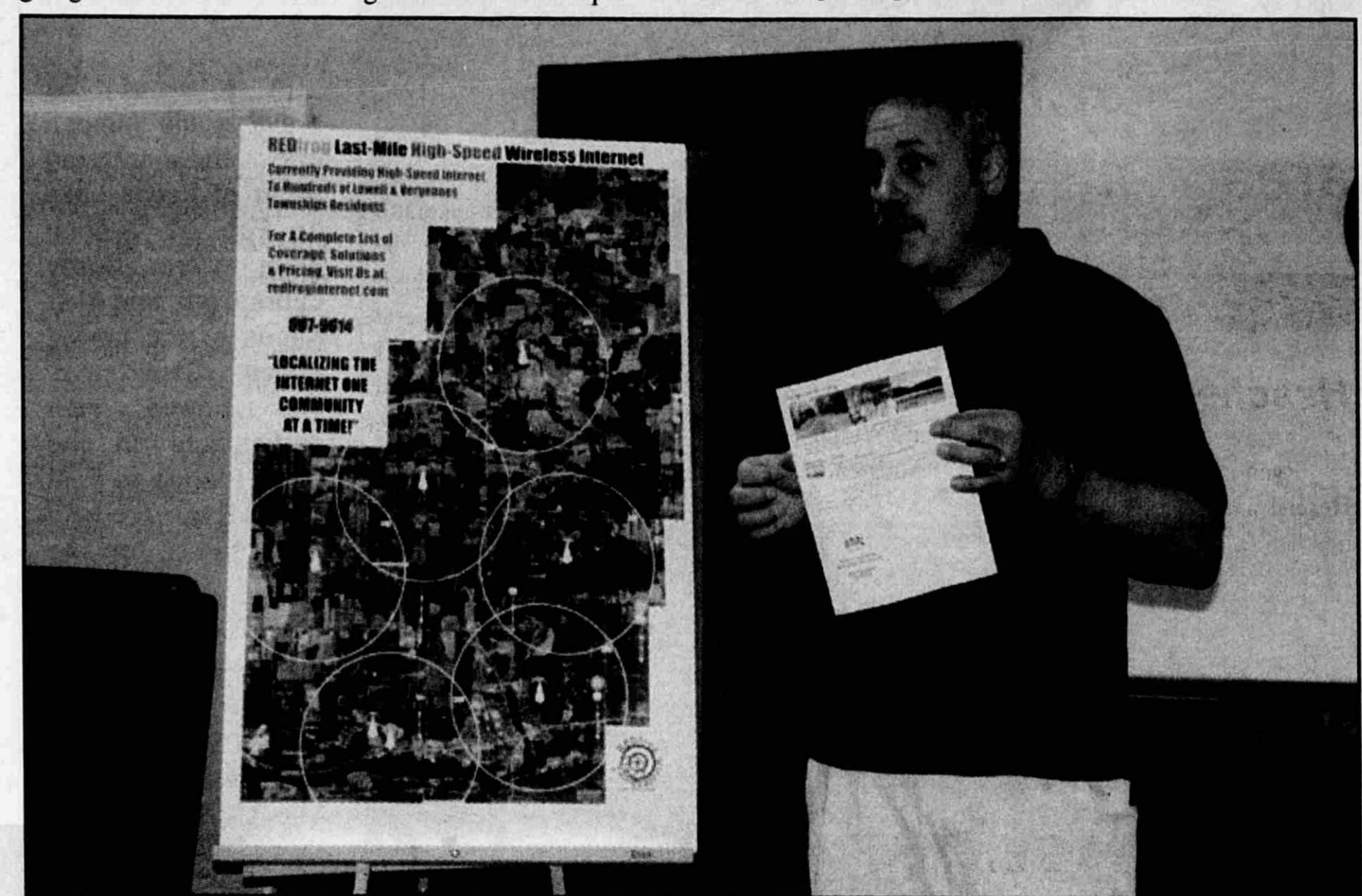
"We've tightened that up," said Gee. "Wireless is the most effective way to get Internet in the township

and in the pocket areas. Anybody can get it, it's just going to cost more."

Gee suggested a fund where everybody pools in to get a smaller tower up.

"Everybody should get the Internet," he said. "It's a matter of spending the cash."

We're on the same team. We want to partner better with the community."



Kirk Gee, co-owner of REDfrog, explains coverage in Vergennes Township and the area.

It was a creed written into the founding documents that declared the destiny of a nation. Yes we can. It was whispered by slaves and abolitionists as they blazed a trail towards freedom through the darkest of nights. Yes we can. It was sung by immigrants as they struck out from distant shores and pioneers who pushed westward against an unforgiving wilderness. Yes we can.

Barack Obama (1961 -),
New Hampshire Democratic Primary Speech, 01-08-08

health



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elevated triglycerides

Triglycerides are fats that can accumulate in your blood. If you have elevated triglycerides, you will have no symptoms. If they are substantially elevated, they can cause heart, liver, or pancreas problems.

Elevated triglycerides can run in families and you can get it at any age. You are more likely to have it if you eat unhealthy foods, smoke, or are overweight. Even some prescription medicines (hormone pills, birth control pills) may cause it.

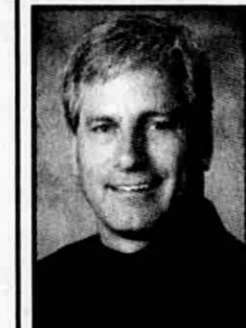
Elevated triglycerides are detected with a blood test, after a 12 hour fast. If

you have them, you should eat a diet low in saturated fat and sugar, reduce alcohol

intake to no more than two drinks per day and use tobacco. Aerobic exercise is very beneficial and should be done five days a week for 30-40 minutes.

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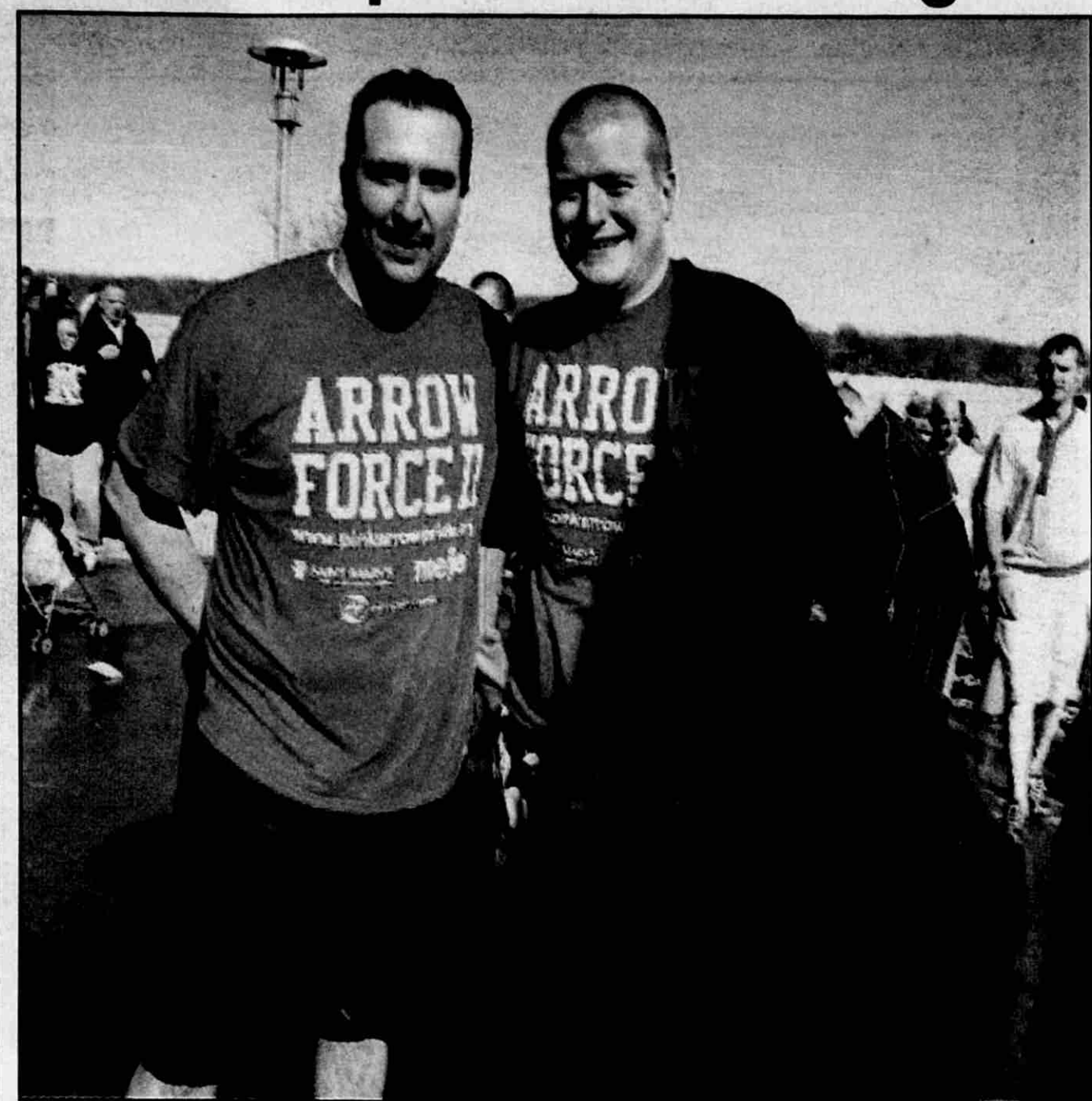
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Tim Wittenbach, Secretary of Board of Review

Lowell men participate in chilly Grand Rapids Polar Plunge for charity



A total of 250 brave souls jumped into the freezing water of Reeds Lake on Feb. 19. Among them were Gordy Lauren, left, and Blair Kacos of the Lowell Police Department. The Lowell men participated in the Polar Plunge in East Grand Rapids to help raise funds for the Special Olympics in the State of Michigan. Team Lowell PD raised a total of \$462.31.

In The Service

Army Pvt. Scott A. Klaasen has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and

ceremony marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Arthur Klaasen of Lowell. Klaasen graduated in 2009 from Lowell High School.

Lacrosse coaches learn from the best

The U.S. Lacrosse National Coaches Convention in Baltimore attracted over 5000 lacrosse enthusiasts, including five Lowell coaches. With

The weekend left an impression on Downing. "I was able to have a conversation with the reigning national champion coach John Danowski



of Duke. I feel pretty fortunate, because I don't imagine many coaches in any sport have that kind of opportunity."

In addition to attending the convention, Lowell has added a considerable amount of experience to their coaching staff. Chris Schwab, former Lehigh University attackman, along with Ryan Dunleavy and Nate Adkins, current Davenport players, will be on the sidelines this spring.

"Last year, we were understaffed and didn't have a lot of lacrosse experience on the sidelines, so I focused my efforts there in the off-season," said Bredin. "I like where we're at right now." There will be an open registration for all girls' and boys' lacrosse teams on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 10 am till noon at Cherry Creek Elementary.

The most wasted of all days is one without laughter.

- E.E. Cummings (1894 - 1962)

Regional exhibit presents a different perspective

by Emma Palova

"It doesn't matter if you are painting clowns in their underwear, if you do a good job there will always be a target market," said Kendall Arts instructor David Gianfredi.

That remark set off a group of students to have a clown show about the masking of habits called, "Clowns Laid Bare." After the Kendall show ended, artist Lisa Ambrose decided to enter a large size oil painting in the West Michigan Regional Art Competition in Lowell.

"This one ended exactly how I envisioned it," she said.

Ambrose took a picture of her friend with a smoking habit and a painted clown's face from a table. She used

the photograph to create a striking painting, "Repose of an Established Habit."

Expecting a full blown rejection, Ambrose also entered a traditional painting of sailboats docking in a harbor.

"I didn't think anyone would find the subject interesting," she said.

But, instead of a rejection Ambrose was shocked to find out her painting of a woman with a clown's face received first place at the art competition.

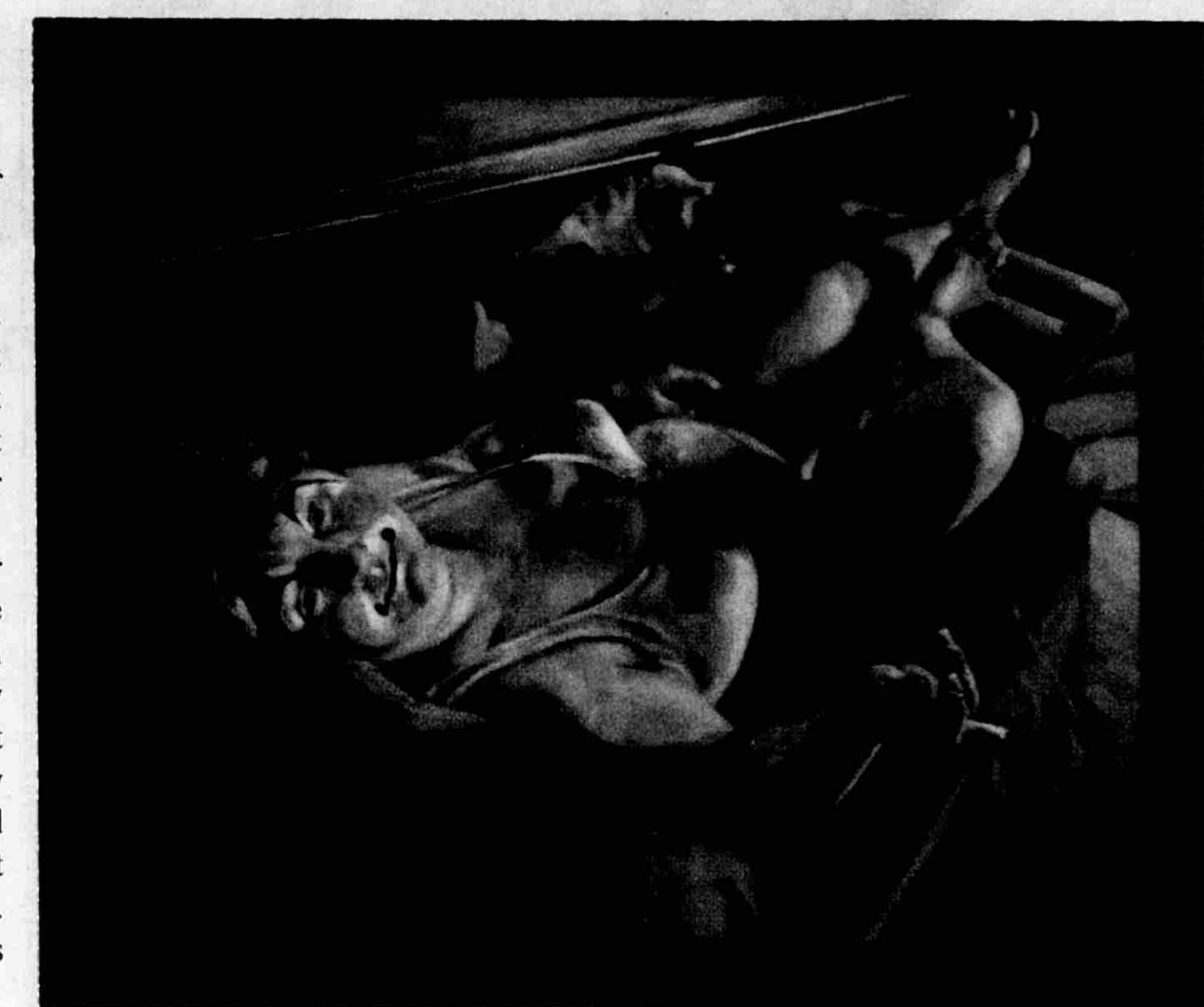
"On so many levels the iconic image of a reclining female figure has been transformed and furthered," wrote juror Joseph Antenucci Becherer, founder and curator of the Sculpture Program at Frederik Meijer Gardens.

Becherer, who is also professor of history of art at Aquinas College, wrote in the juror's statement about the artist's mastery of materials and composition.

"The artist combines them masterfully with a protagonist that is confident and assured without dissuading even the most casual of viewers," Becherer writes.

Ambrose left her engineering job to pursue an arts degree from Kendall College. She is currently finishing her bachelor's at Kendall, as she has already been accepted to Hartford School of Art in Connecticut to pursue a master's in arts. Ambrose works part-time as a veterinary assistant.

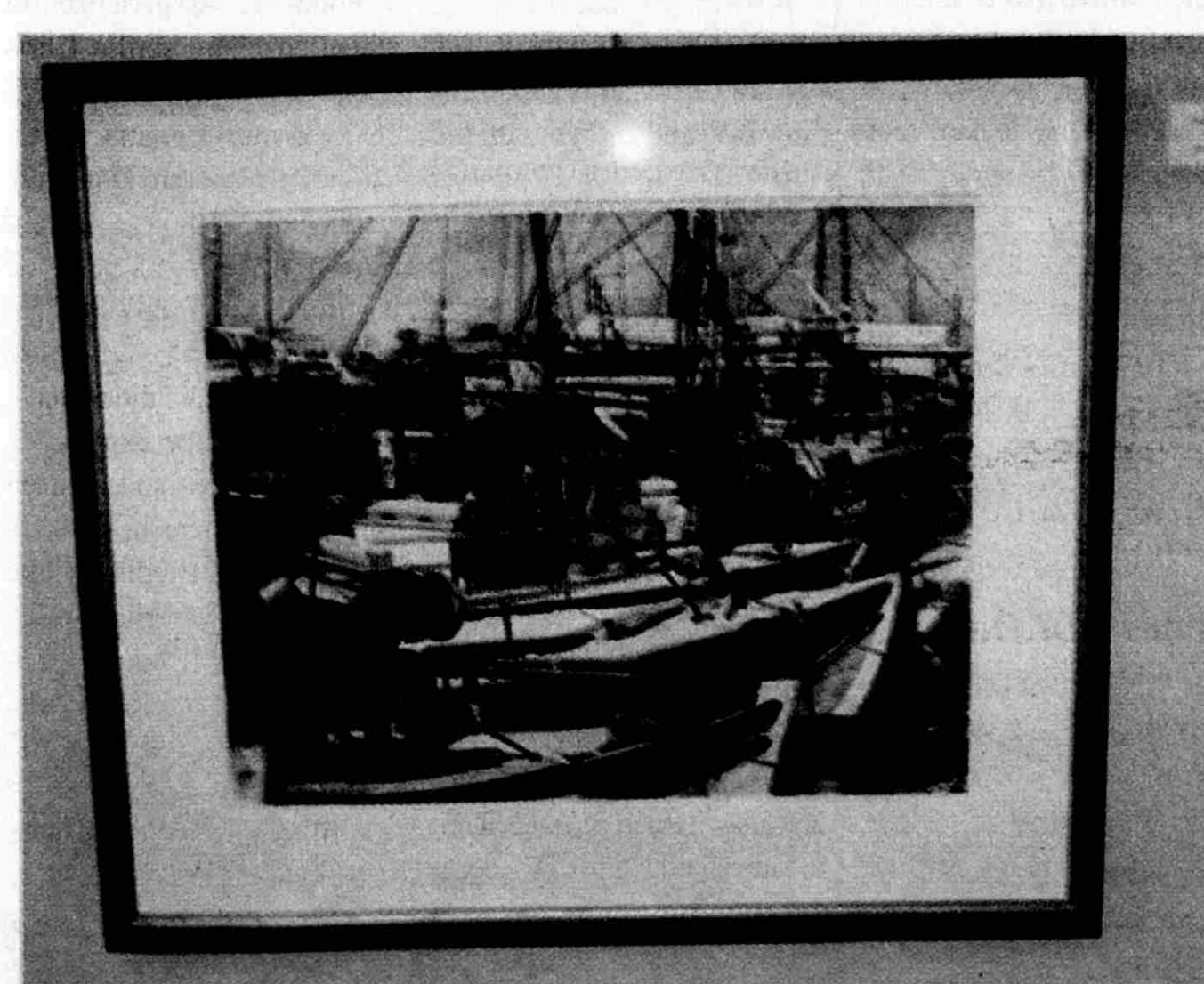
The second place belongs to a Lowell resident,



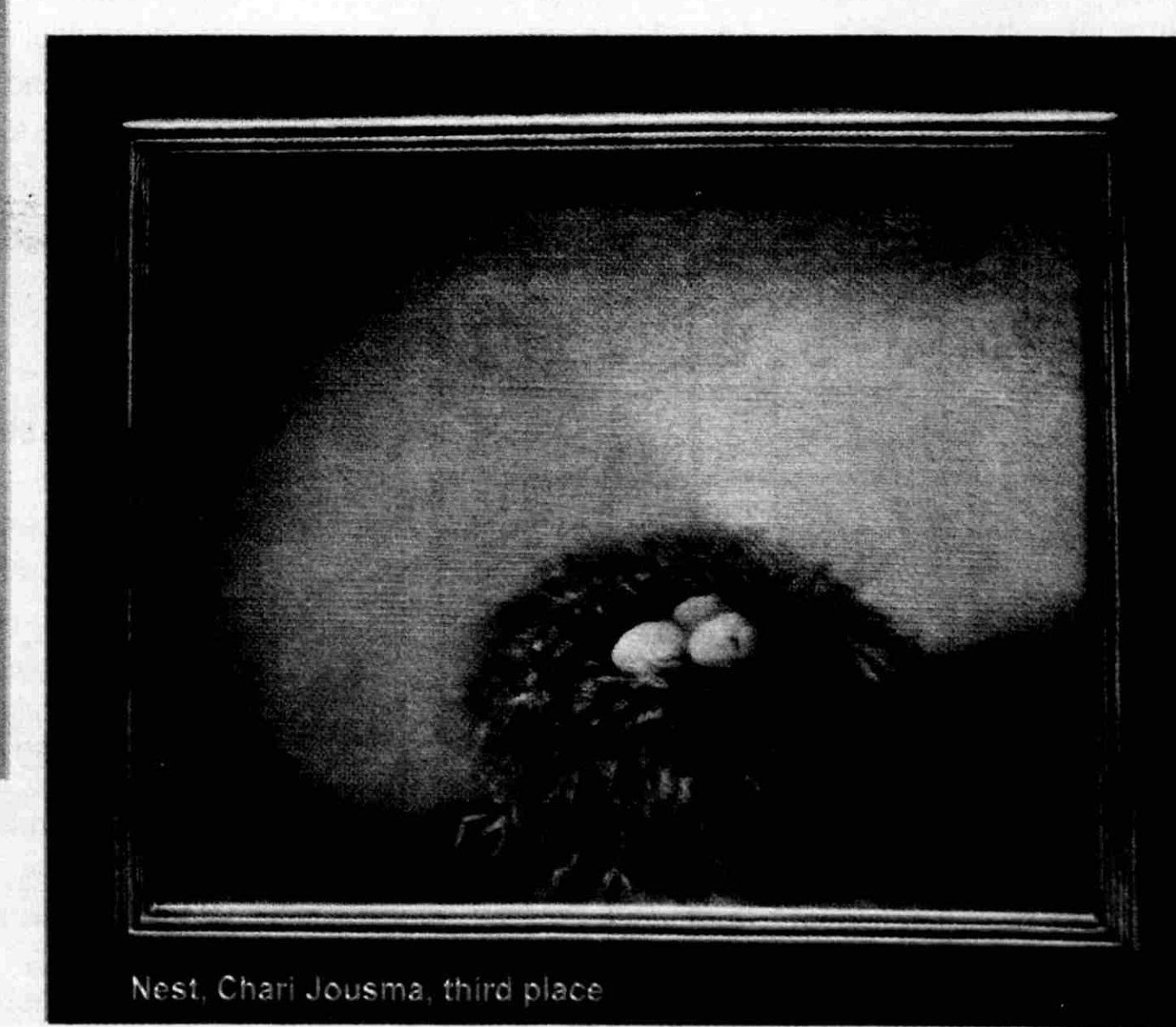
Repose of an Established Habit, Lisa Ambrose, first place



Catch, Adam Tetzlaff, second place



Lisa Ambrose entered this traditional painting thinking her now first-place entry would not be found interesting enough.



Nest, Chari Jousma, third place

Adam Tetzlaff, with his mysterious "Catch." In the picture, Tetzlaff uses his own wife Rachel as the reclining model in the sand which has only been touched by the morning beach plowers.

"There were no footprints in the sand except for the tracks," he said. "I pushed the details to the maximum. The painting has multiple levels."

Tetzlaff says jokingly that he used a two-hair brush for the details. The blue of the sky is juxtaposed to the blue of the water. There is even a hidden icon in the sand.

Tetzlaff explained the title "Catch" of the painting as everything erupts.

"There is a catch in the sand, the tracks, I capture an image and the birds catch fish," he said. "This has a lot of meaning for me."

Becherer writes in his juror's statement that even though the two paintings are different in scale and technique, the reclining figure amidst the nature is heir to the tradition of figure painting, as is Ambrose.

Chari Jousma of Alto received third place for her "Nest."

The nest, completed in layers and over time, symbolizes Jousma's family and it is reminiscent of old fashioned masters.

"It's a statement of my life," she said. "I love the painting."

Becherer also brought a new perspective to the exhibition, according to Casey Cornwell, marketing director for the Lowell Area Arts Council, because of his background in sculpture and arts history.

The exhibit has a few 3-D pieces, such as the 'Busysticks' and 'Pendileo.'

"The works of sculpture and photography are promising as opportunities of breaking with and extending tradition in ways that are meaningful and measured," Becherer wrote.

The exhibit runs through April 8 with public reception on March 6 from 2 pm to 4 pm.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Lyman scores 23 but Red Arrows fall to Greenville

Arrows then sink the Sailors with Malling's threes but 'Cats are too tough

by Shane Beach

The Red Arrows traveled to Greenville on Monday for a makeup game from Feb. 4. The Arrows played a more up-tempo style and scored the most points they have this season. But the extra points couldn't overcome rebound and free throw discrepancies in a 72-55 loss.

Jason Malling, Blake Lyman, Kyle Rogers, and Alec Roerig accounted for the Red Arrows' 13 points, as they entered the second period down four, the score was 13-17.

Lyman pumped in nine points. Malling and Justin Castro both knocked down some triples and the Red Arrows went into half trailing the Yellow Jackets 26-32.

Lyman stayed hot as he scored 10 points in the quarter and helped the Arrows tie the score early in the third period.

After a time out by

Greenville, the Yellow Jackets hit back-to-back three's, but Lowell stayed close and were down three heading into the fourth quarter, 46-49.

Unfortunately, Lowell went cold in the fourth as they managed just three baskets and Greenville attempted 21 free throws that propelled them to victory.

"I was proud of how we came out and attacked in the second half," said coach McDonald. "We were down three heading into the fourth quarter, on the road against a very good team, after handling some rebound and free throw discrepancies. Unfortunately, the first two minutes of the fourth quarter was where we had empty possessions and they scored buckets that put us in a hole that we couldn't dig out of."

Lyman finished with 23 points, Rogers with 10 and Malling's three triples accounted for his nine.

Lowell went 8-12 from the free throw line.

Lowell traveled to Mona Shores for a crossover game and came away with a 58-48 victory. Jason Malling hit seven three-pointers and Alec Roerig and Jacob Meyer both chipped in 12 points.

Meyer scored five of the six first-quarter points for the Red Arrows as Mona Shores took an 8-6 lead. "We didn't have the energy in the first quarter like we did last night," coach McDonald said. "Jacob came in and provided us with some."

Lowell and Mona Shores played even in the second period and Malling hit two of his triples in the second quarter. Roerig and Wernet sunk some more baskets as Lowell stayed close, but was down 21-23 at the half.

Behind the hot shooting of Malling, Lowell took command 40-33. Malling hit four triples and scored 14 points alone in the third quarter to energize the Arrows. Roerig and Meyer completed the scoring.

Lowell kept on coming as they scored 18 points in the fourth period. Malling hit another triple and Meyer got three nice driving lay ups at the rim. Griffin Brenk hit a huge shot to push the lead from four to six points late in the game as Lowell kept their distance and defeated Muskegon's Mona Shores.

After the game, coach McDonald was happy for his team. "Jacob was critical for us tonight, providing great energy and pressure defense. His drives were key to getting Jason open for all of his three-pointers tonight. Jason had one of those special nights that great shooters are capable of. Griffin Brenk's basket, with three minutes to go, was huge and I was happy for him. He plays hard with a great attitude." He added, "We have some things to learn about playing with a lead, but I'm so happy for our team."

Playing against Northview, Lowell got down 9-2 in the early going, but battled back to tie the score at 14 after the first period. Kyle Rogers scored six points; Blake Lyman, four.

Northview pumped in 19 points in the second period to catapult the Wildcats to a 31-20 halftime lead.

Alec Roerig provided four points and Meyer added two for the only Red Arrow points of the quarter.

The Wildcats kept clawing to a larger lead in the third period outscoring the Red Arrows 24 to 5. Malling, Roerig and Meyer accounted for all five points in the quarter.

Lowell closed the game scoring 15 in the final

quarter, but it wasn't enough and the Red Arrows fell to the Wildcats, 66-40.

McDonald said after the game, "Our last two games we had significantly less turnovers. Tonight the turnovers reared their ugly head and we had a five minute scoring drought. We can't do that against anybody, let alone a very good team like Northview on the road." He added, "We didn't push the ball like we have been the last two games as evidenced by our scoring only 40 points."

Leading scorers for the Arrows included Roerig and Kyle Rogers, each scoring eight points, Malling had seven and Lyman had six.

After a busy week that saw the Red Arrows go 1-2, they continue on the road again this Tuesday, to face a very talented Holland team.

Lowell's journey for another state title will begin Friday, Feb. 25 at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. The MHSAA announced, Sunday evening, the match ups for the team finals. Lowell has been seeded fourth for the tournament and will take on Stevensville Lakeshore at 7:45 pm in the quarterfinals. Tickets for the state tournament are \$6 each for the quarter and semifinals' matches and \$7 for the finals or you can purchase an "all"

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the weekend of March 3-5, all with the hopes of bringing home an Individual State title.

submitted by Nancy Dood

Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell wrestlers claim regional championship

Lowell advances 10 wrestlers to the Individual State finals

submitted by Nancy Dood

Wednesday evening at Lowell High School the Red Arrow wrestlers made sure they'd be traveling to Battle Creek by defeating Eaton Rapids, 66-12. In the first match of the evening, the Arrows took on Hastings defeating them 49-24, putting them in the finals against Eaton Rapids. Eaton Rapids defeated East Grand Rapids in the other semifinals' match, 49-21. Lowell dominated the regional final match from beginning to end, winning 12 of the 14 matches, 10 by pins.

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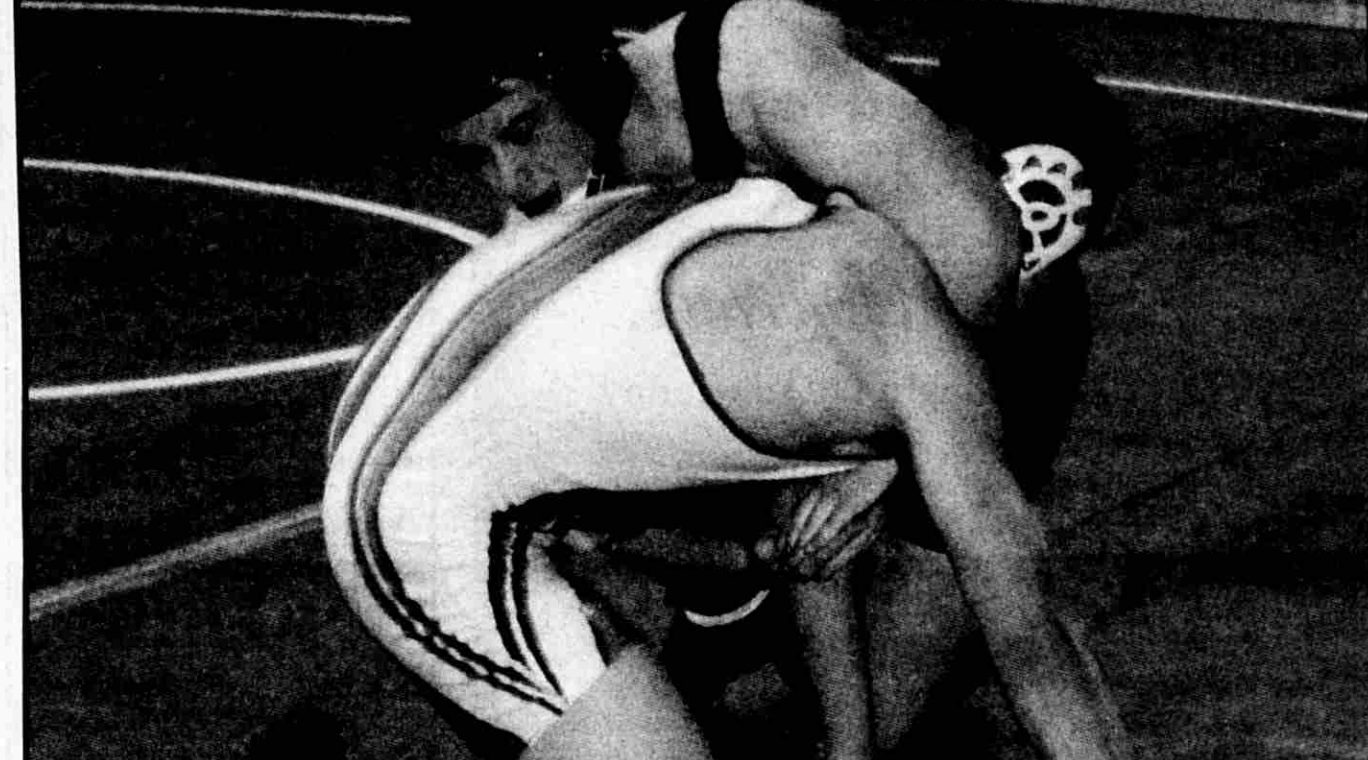
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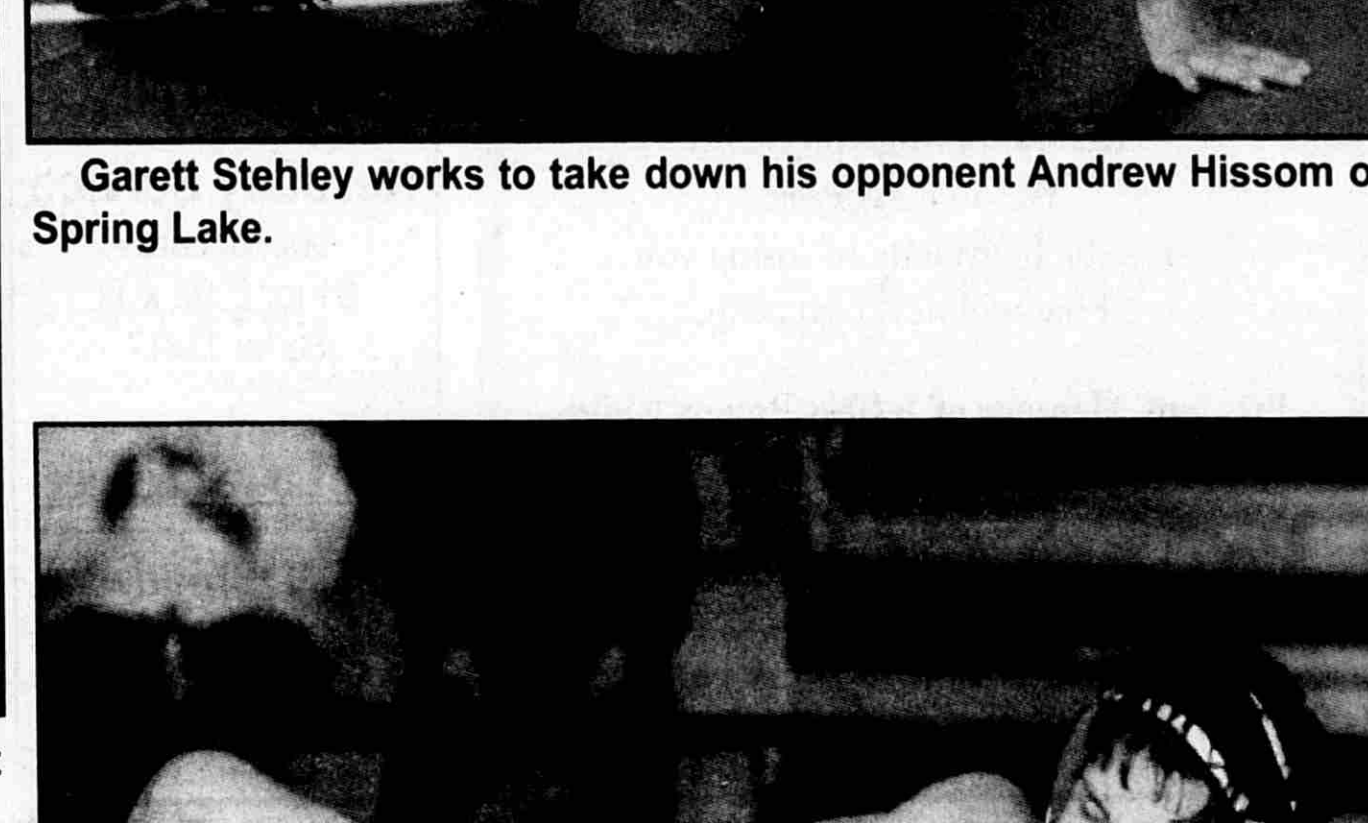
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Garett Stehley works to take down his opponent Andrew Hissom of Spring Lake.



Gabe Dean pins his opponent Taylor Kornoely of Wyoming Rogers at 1:01 of the first period



Red Arrow 103-pounder Bailey Jack holds Hastings' Zach Wilcox on his back during the second period of their bout Wednesday in the Division 2 team regional semifinals. Photo by Brett Bremer



The Red Arrows' Andrew Morse closes in on a first-period pin of Hastings' Dylan Keimer during their 145-pound match in Wednesday night's Division 2 team regional semifinal contest at Lowell High School. Photo by Brett Bremer

HOCKEY

Packed house for Lowell/Caledonia - South Christian match up

by Shane Beach

The student sections were packed, hockey hecklers abroad, fans escorted out and there were hard hits on the ice. At times, it felt like I was at Joe Louis Arena watching the old Detroit Red Wings vs Colorado Avalanche games again, back in the 90's.

A standing room only crowd, including fans hovering three deep in the balcony at East Kentwood Hockey Arena (Lowell/Caledonia home ice),

watched an up-tempo, exciting hockey game between Lowell/Caledonia (L/C) and South Christian. South Christian held off a late surge by L/C winning by a score of 10-7.

After a good week of practice, both teams knowing what's at stake, both L/C and South Christian, as skaters, were flying around the ice. Tyler Bitterman put Lowell on the board first, Braden McGillicuddy added another and the first period ended as it began - tied.

Fans went crazy as the two teams entered the ice for the second tilt. Playing even midway through the second period, Bitterman scored his second goal of the game and we were tied at 3-3.

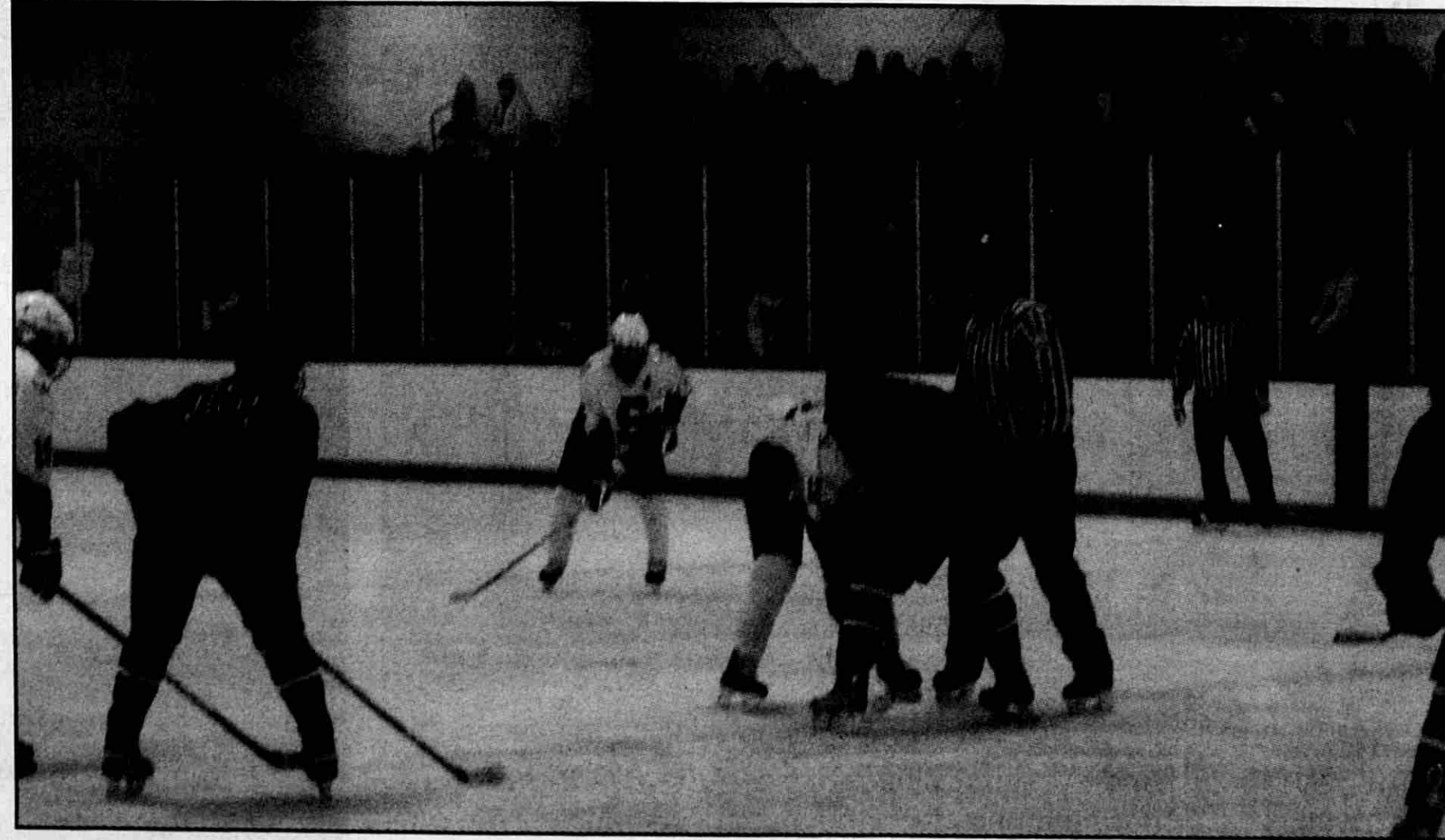
With 6:20 left in the second period, South Christian started to take charge going on top 4-3. L/C charged to the nets but South Christian's goalie stood tall. South Christian

then scored a minute later making it 5-3 which may have been the turning point in the game. Not to be denied, Bitterman scores again getting the hat trick and bringing L/C within one. South Christian came back again to score three more times in the second, on a couple odd man rushes that Propst made fantastic initial saves, but the defense was unable to clear. L/C headed to the locker room down 4-8.

With a period to go and the conference title on the line, L/C gained some momentum with 11:05 to go in the game as Rossman scored for L/C. Just one minute and four seconds later Adam Hubert found the back of the net. The L/C bench erupted and they were back in the game only down two with 10 minutes to go. With 8:26 to go in the game, South Christian is called for hooking and L/C goes on the

power play and momentum has clearly swung the L/C way. Unfortunately, South Christian killed the two minute minor and got a power play of their own and scored, making it 9-6. L/C fought to the end scoring a late goal by McGillicuddy, but it is not enough as South Christian wins the showdown 10-7. South Christian's win puts them in

Hockey, continued, page 14



L/C and South Christian face off for a packed house at East Kentwood Hockey Arena.

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obituaries

COMDURE-ESSENBURG

Eileen Comdure-Essenburb, age 89, of Lowell, passed away Thursday, February 17, 2011.



She is survived by her children, Carol (Bill) Mack, Susan (Gary) Scoles, Orin Comdure, and Joyce (Clint) Milligan; grandchildren, Cheryl (Mark) Creswell, John DeGood, Sarah (Drew) Parsons, Chris (Nicola) Scoles, Nicholas and Chelsea Comdure; great-grandsons, Colton Creswell, Finn Scoles and George Parsons; sisters, Elsie Detmers and Carolyn Hansma; brother-in-law, Alfred Comdure; sister-in-law, Genevieve Dodde; and many nieces and nephews.

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CATHERINE GEIGER Is at peace and went to join her husband John Geiger on February 8, 2011. Catherine, to everyone who knew her, was a very sparkling person who always was very well put together in appearance.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Debra S. Bryant 13433 Forest River Court Lowell, MI 49331 616-897-6568

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- for sale: FOR SALE - New MTD 600-series snow thrower w/electric start. Purchased last winter but only used 5 times. Forced to sell due to health problems.
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Community Calendar

- PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement.
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LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting.
THE EAST KENT COUNTY REPUBLICANS (EKCR) - meets the second Saturday of the month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce (113 Riverwalk Plaza) from 8:30 to 10 a.m. to discuss current events on the local, state & national levels.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Winter guard moving up

submitted by Doug Shassberger

Lowell winter guard had their first competition on Jan. 29 at Reeths Puffer High School in Muskegon. Exit 52 received second place with an amazing performance. With their second place and high point score of 63.30, they were bumped up to a higher classification from A to AA.

Almost Home in auxiliary class placed first with a score of 42.00.

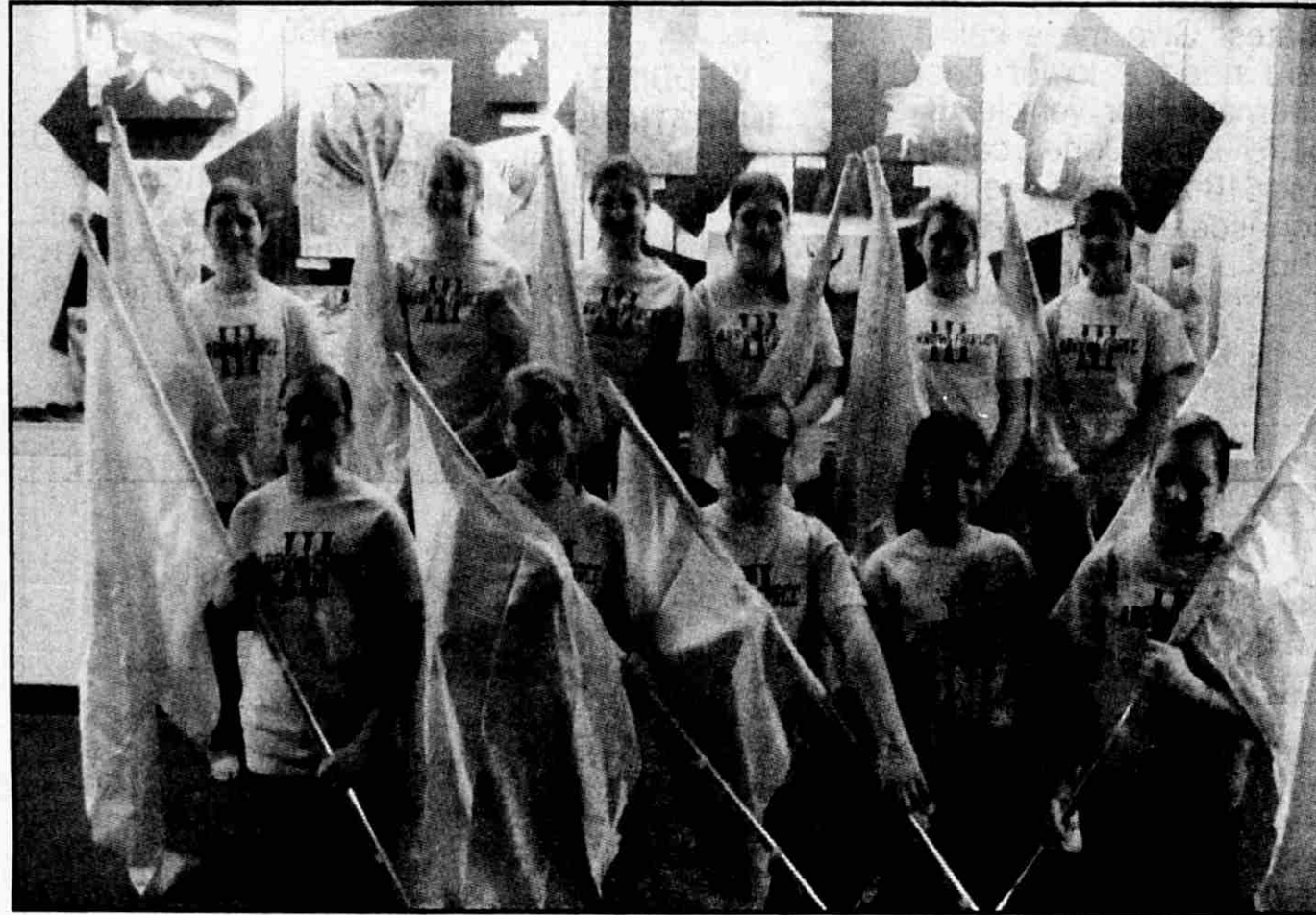
This past weekend, Lowell winter guard competed at West Bloomfield High School. Exit 52, again, had an outstanding performance, placing third after the bump from A to AA and competing with a higher level of competitors. Their overall score was 63.30, only

.20 out of second place and only 1.20 out of first. It was a very close competition.

Almost Home received second place with an overall score of 58.60. This was 3.40 out of first place.

Lowell winter guard will compete at home on March 12.

Admission \$5 and under 12 free.



Almost Home received a first-place.



Exit 52 after being "bumped up" to a higher level of competition.

Hockey, continued

a Tier III conference tie with Lowell/Caledonia, each having just two conference losses.

Coach Beurer was disappointed by the loss but also excited for the kids, as the atmosphere was as it should have been.

Players and coaches greatly appreciate the support at the game.

After the games coach Beurer was very upbeat saying, "we had three really good practices this week in preparation. We just got caught on some front end mistakes, odd man rushes and when those turn into quick goals it makes it tough. We've been on a nice roll and we'll learn from this game, moving forward in the remaining league games."

With continued great effort from all his players, coach Beurer knows they can compete with anyone, as do his players. With the playoffs just around the corner, it should be an exciting run for our Lowell/Caledonia hockey team.

As for those of you that are too young to know about

the old Wings/Avalanche match ups, just come watch these Lowell/Caledonia boys play. You'll get a nice indication of what it's all about.

1 - Tyler Bitterman (L - senior) - assists by Andrew Light (L - junior) and Jordan Swift (C - senior); 2 - Braden McGillicuddy (L - junior) - assists by Bitterman and Jake Rossman (C - sophomore); 3 - Bitterman - assists by McGillicuddy and Karson Arnold (C - senior); 4 - Bitterman - assist by Justin Pinto (C - freshman); 5 - Rossman - assists by Bitterman and Swift; 6 - Adam Hubert (L - senior) - assists by Brandon Jamieson (C - senior) and Swift; 7 - McGillicuddy - assist by Rossman.

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2011 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The City of Lowell Board of Review for 2011 will be held at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St, on the following dates:

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

By City Charter, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 11th 2011

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

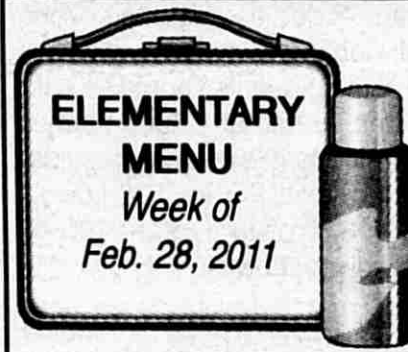
Commercial.....	55.74%.....	0.8970
Residential.....	56.40%.....	0.8865
Industrial.....	52.72%.....	0.9484
Personal Property.....	50.00%.....	1.0000

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 3 days notice.
Contact: Dave Pasquale - City Manager, ph. 616.897.8457



LUNCH MENU



MON: Hamburger on bun (Danimals yogurt w/ American cheese & saltine crackers also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad w/romaine, orange smiles, milk.

TUES: Egg, cheese & sausage on wheat English muffin (cheese stuffed ravioli in marinara sauce also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), fresh coleslaw, pineapple, milk.

WED: Baked chicken nuggets w/wheat dinner roll (jr. turkey & cheese sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes/butter, peaches, milk.

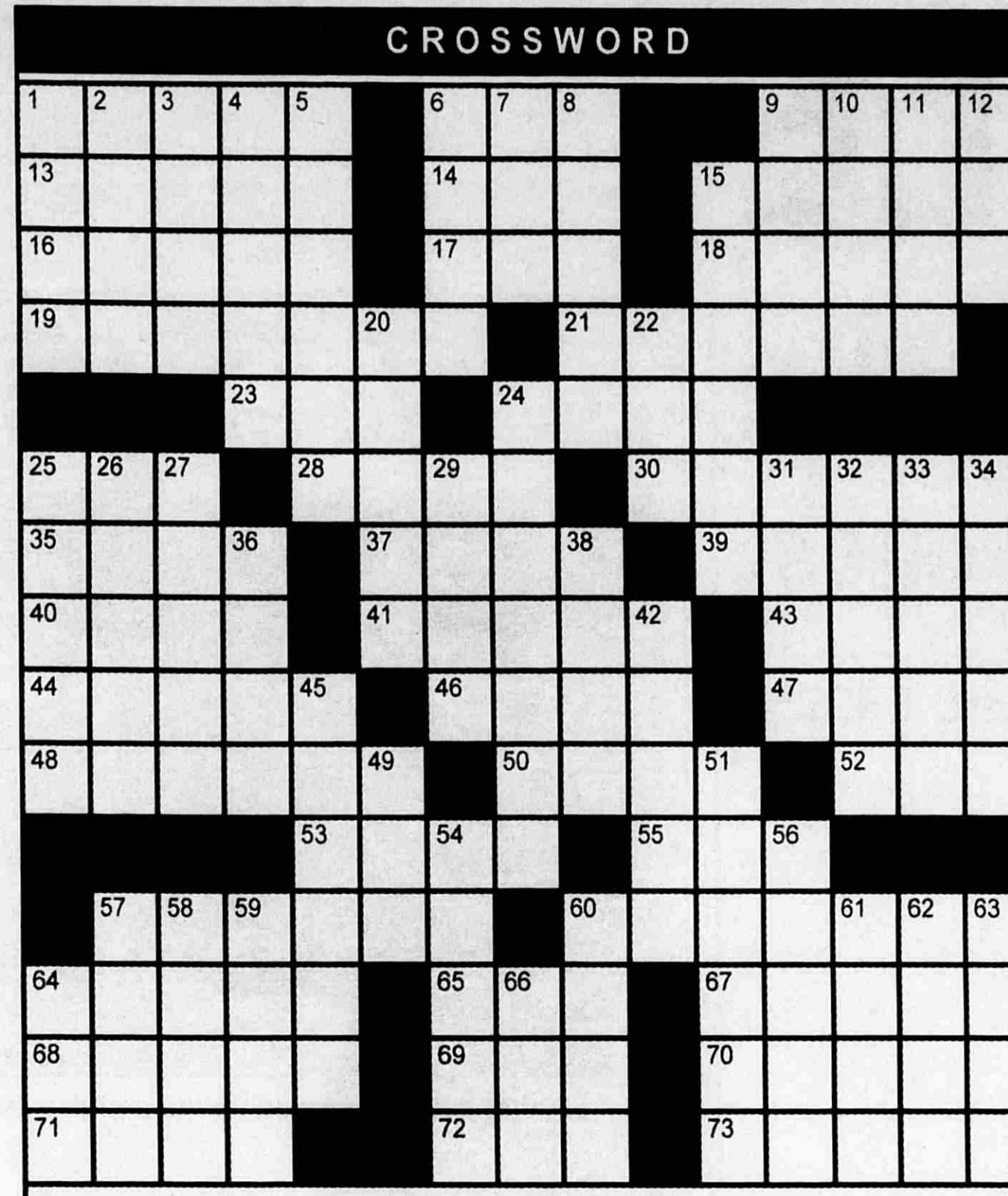
THURS: Lasagna roll up w/marinara sauce (3 meat sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad w/ romaine, fruit goop w/ vanilla pudding, milk.

FRI: Chicken patty on wheat bun (chili w/crackers also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), French fries, cinnamon applesauce, milk.

THEME: THE OSCARS

ACROSS

- Monument to Buddha
- Surf turf
- Over-the-head shots
- Chocolate substitute
- Boat propeller
- "The Fighter, e.g.
- Like "heavenly" cake
- Uniform Resource Identifier
- Embryo cradles
- *Jeremy Renner's movie
- *Nominated for her role in "The Kids Are All Right"
- Fifth note
- Oddball
- Every American's uncle?
- Austin Powers' charm
- Gluten-free dieter's disease
- Blood problem
- Clothing joint
- Actress Rene
- Memorization by repetition
- Frequently
- Debitating spray
- Bone cavity
- Greek salad cheese
- "No ____, no gain"
- "King in "King's Speech"
- Suggestive of the supernatural
- Commonwealth of Independent States
- His and ____
- Pigeon call



- Event venue
- **"Swan Lake" prima ballerina
- Hindu nature spirits
- "What Colin Firth and Jeff Bridges do
- This company sued YouTube over domain name
- Unfit or inappropriate
- To do so is human?
- Handsome like Marcello Mastroianni
- *A former Batman and nominated for best supporting actor
- Allow
- *Dorothy's "Over the Rainbow" composer, 1940 winner

DOWN

- Jazz singing
- Hyperbolic tangent in math
- Impulse
- "Dead ____ Society" (1990), Best Original Screenplay winner
- Bursting into flower
- Person, place or thing
- Van Gogh's missing part
- Cherokee or Hopi, e.g.
- Lesotho money
- Traditional plow-pullers
- Mountain in German
- ____ Lanka
- Dugout
- " ____ said it isn't ____?"
- European Union
- Named for its resemblance to a goat, pl.
- Wring the neck of
- Isolated from others
- "Semper Fidelis" to U. S. Marines, e.g.
- *He won last year and is nominated this year
- It's usually checked for cancer
- Son of Abraham and Sarah
- American Standard Code for Information Interchange
- *Joel and Ethan
- Short for territory
- Boundary line
- ____ lepsy
- Shocked or dismayed
- Snake-like fish
- West African people
- Take delight in
- Furry water mammal
- River in Siberia
- Egg-like
- Part of Batman's garb
- Saucy
- Reflect deeply on a subject
- Having the know-how
- Vegas light
- Rub-a-dub-____
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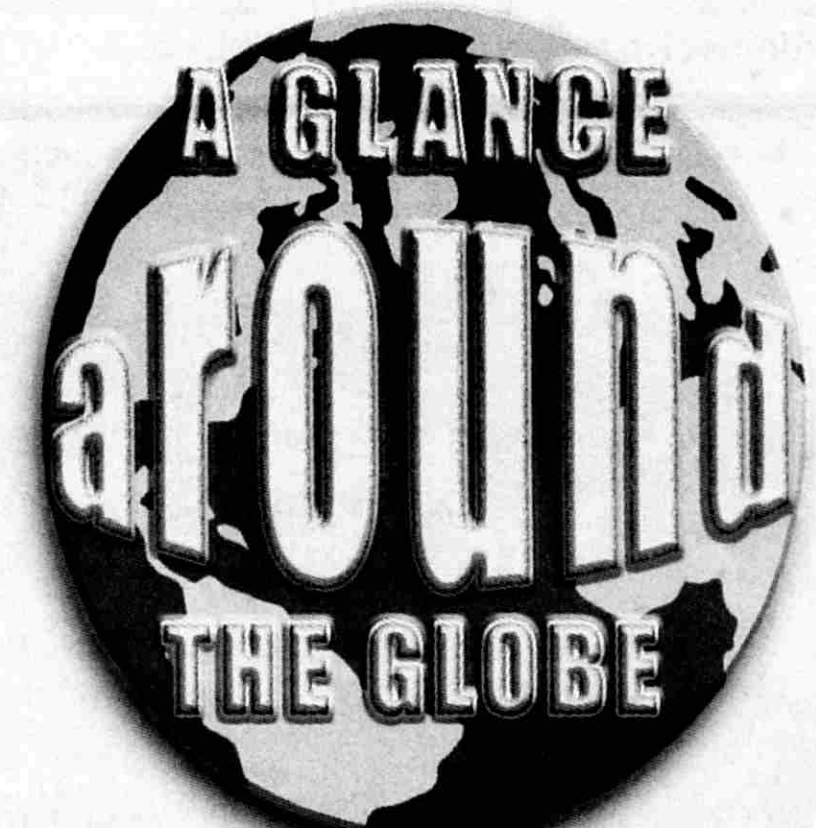
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Do you think the new governor is on the right track with his budget proposal?

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

Which party do you trust more in the battle over the U.S. Federal budget

- Republicans 43%
- Democrats 33%
- Neither 24%
- Both 0%



FEBRUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 22

- Borders bookstore, the second largest in the U.S., files for bankruptcy protection after years of declines that made it impossible to manage its crushing debt load. Borders plans on closing nearly one-third of its stores.
- CBS News and 60 Minutes correspondent, Laura Logan, suffers a brutal and sustained sexual assault while covering the resignation of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.
- Japan temporarily suspends its annual Antarctic whaling after repeated harassment by a conservationist group. The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society ships have been chasing the Japanese whaling fleet for weeks trying to block the hunt. The Sea Shepherd spawned the popular Animal Planet series "Whale Wars."
- Protesters set fire to a government building in Libya's capital and attack state-run TV, reports say. Some question whether Moammar Gadhafi will be toppled.
- As a U.S. Navy warship and helicopters trailed a boat that was hijacked, Somali pirates killed the four Americans that were held hostage.

SUDOKU

Solution on page 10

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Chamber dinner, continued

Yankovich spoke about the Litehouse expansion. The company has added 43,000 square feet and started new production lines.

Also recognized by the chamber was city manager of 23 years, Dave Pasquale.

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in various fundraisers," said Jacobs. "We salute innovators and ingenuity Attwood style."

Jacobs spoke about Canfield's passion for preservation of history along Main Street and for old Mopar cars.

"Without the Inn,

Yankovich cracked a few jokes about Canfields' sanity and long hours of work on the Inn.

"How many thought Greg and Deb Canfield were crazy," asked Yankovich. "How many still think Greg and Deb are crazy? How many are just jealous of Greg and Deb's hot rod collection?"

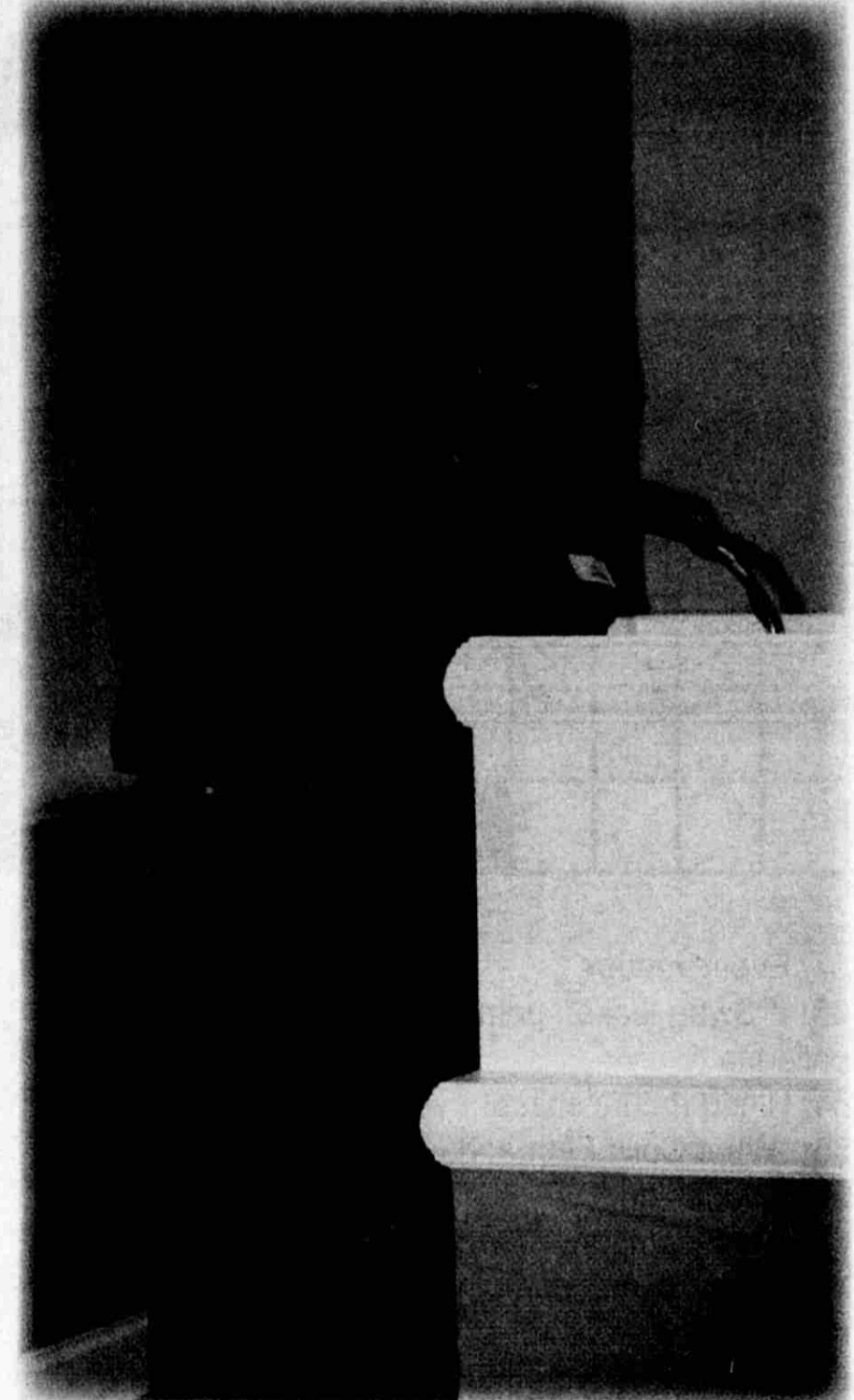
He presented the Business Appreciation award to All-Weather Seal for their outstanding commitment to the community with their annual 15,000 houseful of windows gift.

"All-Weather Seal gives to the community, in part, because they have felt the community is giving to them," said Yankovich. "This really boils down to people, All-Weather Seal is a success because Scott works at finding the right kind of people to work with him in building the business. He told me over and over that he owes the success of the company to the people who work with him."

Scott McDowell thanked his employees and wife Mandy.

Last but not least, the highly coveted Person of the Year award went to Joy Smith, a well-known volunteer at the library and the museum.

Both awards are, according to Yankovich, everything that Lowell is about and why it deserves to be called, "The Next Place to Be."



Greg and Deb Canfield, owners of Main Street Inn and recipients of the Brick award.

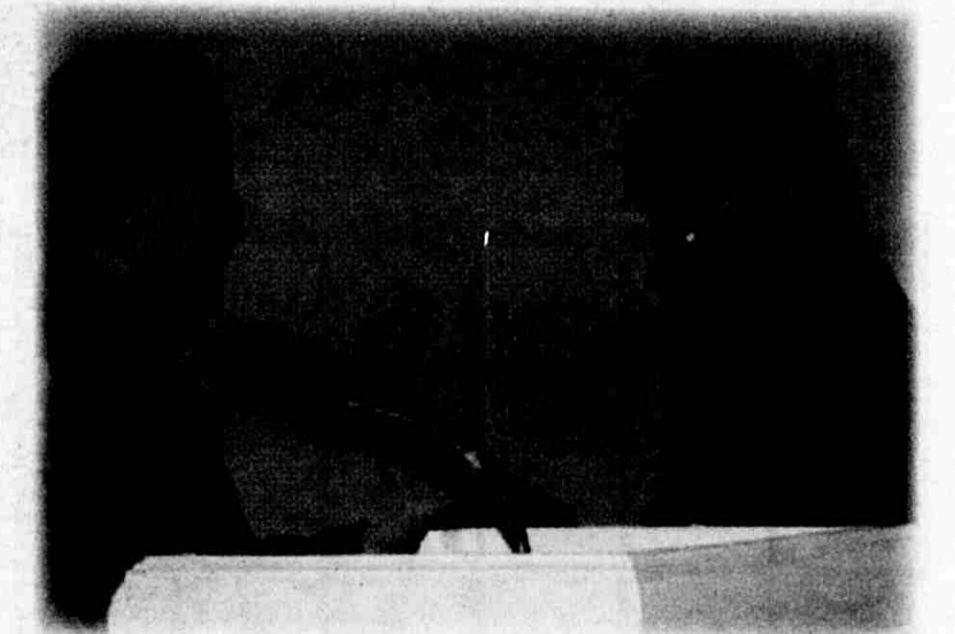
publisher Jon Jacobs presented the new Brick awards to Attwood in the industrial category and to Deb and Greg Canfield owners of Main Street Inn, in the retail category.

Accepting the Brick award on behalf of Attwood was the chief financial officer Pete Zimmer.

Historically, the company and the city have had good relations as one of the major employers in the area. With their recent expansions, they have created 50 more jobs.

"The company has woven itself into the fabric of the community participating

Lowell would be just like any other small town," Jacobs said.



Lowell Ledger and Lowell Buyers Guide publisher Jon Jacobs presented the Brick award to Attwood CFO Pete Zimmer.



The Easy Idle Band played for the attendees.