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Bike race will close Main Street on July 4

Council sets public meeting for MDNR trust fund application

by Emma Palova

The city will close Main Street for West Michigan Stage Bicycle Race on July 4 from 9 am to 3 pm.

The Lowell City Council approved the closure requested by Brian Bangma from the Grand Rapids Bicycle Company on Monday night.

The proposed closure would be from Hudson to Division Streets by taking out the on-street parking on the north side and rerouting the two-way traffic with barrels.

The other option, according to police chief James Hinton, could be using the 2010 bridge detour route that would maintain eastbound traffic.

Hinton said, in general, the traffic volume on July 4 is low and most businesses are closed anyway. However, some businesses have expressed interest in opening up in case of an event.

"This may be a good fit for the community," said Bangma. "Our goal is to bring 200 to 400 people to Lowell."

The race will go through Kent and Ionia counties, with Lowell being the queen or the pinnacle stage.

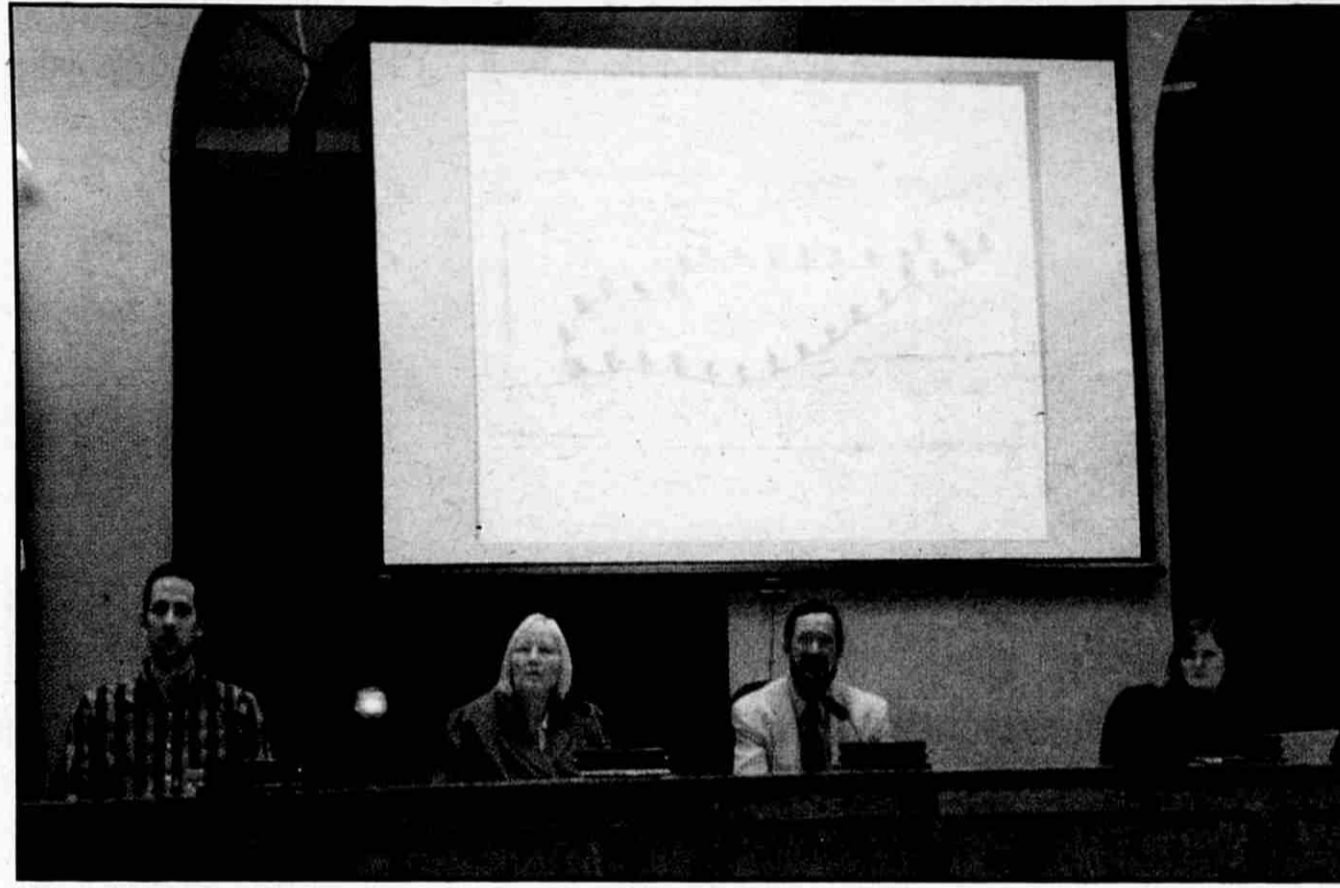
"We want to showcase the beautiful roads you have here," said Bangma.

However, the Lowell Police Department will be charging for any additional cruisers. That cost has been factored into the race budget, according to Bangma.

"This is a positive event for the city of Lowell," said Hinton.

In other business, the city set March 21 for a public meeting on the application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources trust fund for the downtown Riverwalk improvements.

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Councilman Andrew Schraub, mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison, mayor Jim Hodges and councilwoman Maryalene LaPonsie.

City Council hears report on energy savings

by Emma Palova

The Department of Public Works (DPW) has realized major energy savings and reduced greenhouse emissions since

the implementation of light improvements in budget year 2005 to 2006.

According to a report by DPW director Dan DesJarden, the department

has lowered its electric use by 37.68 percent and it has reduced greenhouse emissions (CO2) by 5.758

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Arrow girls' basketball nets district championship

by Brett Bremer

Points were few and far between, but Lowell's varsity girls' basketball team managed to score its third victory of the season over O-K White conference rival Greenville Friday night.

Two points decided each of the conference meetings between Lowell and Greenville this season, with the Arrows winning the first meeting 36-34 and the second 48-46.

While the margin of

victory was the largest of the season, the biggest difference Friday was that the celebration ended with a trophy presentation.

The Red Arrows topped the Yellow Jackets 29-20, in the Class A district final

at Creston High School, to earn the right to compete in Tuesday's (March 8) Class A regional semifinal at Jenison High School.

Lowell was set to meet Hudsonville Tuesday, while Muskegon Reeths-Puffer

faced off against Marquette in the other half of the regional bracket at Mona Shores. Tuesday night's winners will meet Thursday at 7 pm at Jenison High School.

This is the first district championship for the Lowell girls, since the fall of 2006, when the team advanced all the way to the Class A state quarterfinals.

Lowell went on a 13-6 run in the second quarter to build a 17-9 lead at the half against Greenville Friday. That 13-point outburst provided the Arrows the only double-digit scoring period for either team in the ball game.

The Yellow Jackets inched within four points heading into the fourth quarter (22-18), but the Arrows held them back by limiting them to just two points in the final eight minutes.

Katie Tompkins and Bryleigh Loughlin scored eight points each to lead Lowell, while Stephanie Stevens chipped in seven.



Front row, left to right: Danielle Ordway, Stephanie Stevens, Brooke Curtis, Melissa Southwell, Skye Thebo, and Lauren Kurtz; second row, left to right: manager Kait Drudy, Courtney Schmidt, Taylor Flanagan, Amber Martin, Katie Tompkins, Bryleigh Loughlin, and Carissa Paiz.

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Early Sunday morning break-in at Dollar General

by Emma Palova
 The Dollar General store located at 413 E. Main Street was broken into at 3:45 am last Sunday. Lowell police chief James Hinton said that one person broke out a double panel front glass-door window to gain access into the store and took merchandise from the store under \$30. "The alarm went off and the video system recorded the subject in the store," said Hinton. Assistant manager Missy Allen found out about

the break-in when she opened the store at 7 am on Sunday. "It made my life miserable," said manager Anna Smith, "I still have a headache." Smith suspects that a younger local person must have broken into the store that has a video surveillance system. "We opened up a little later and went through the day," Smith said. Smith had the broken panel boarded up. She estimates the damage from

the broken panel just under \$1,000. But it was business as usual at the Dollar store that Sunday. "We're fine," she said. "He didn't get us that much." The police department is looking for a male subject 5'2" to 5'3" feet tall weighing approximately 130 to 150 pounds. The age is hard to determine based on the video, according to Hinton. You can call Silent Observer with any tips or the

Lowell Police Department at 897-7123. "We are still investigating the case," said Hinton. "We hope that good citizens of Lowell will help us with some leads." Hinton would not elaborate on the type of merchandise that has been stolen from the store. The charge, breaking and entering a building with the intent to steal, is a 10-year felony with fines and costs associated.



Manager Anna Smith stands by a boarded up door panel at the Dollar General store on Monday.



along main street

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 Exit 52 and Almost Home will be performing at Lowell High School Sat., March 12 beginning at 3:30 pm.

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 General Local Scholarship applications are available in the Student Services Center. To be fair to all students, applications will not be accepted after 3 pm on Fri., March 18. Don't forget to include two letters of recommendation, transcript and personal statement. For more information please call Lisa Nauta at 987-2913.

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FISH FRY
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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.

lend a hand

On Saturday, March 19, the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center will host its Maple Syrup Fest. As part of the event, they will host their annual pancake breakfast from 9-12. Each year the event continues to grow and they appreciate the growing community support. In order to make this event a success, they are in search of volunteers to help make pancakes, serve food, take tickets and clear tables. Volunteer positions they are looking to fill include: pancake cookers, 8 - 10 am and 10 - 12 noon; food servers, 8:45 - 12 noon; ticket takers, 8:45 - 12 noon; beverage monitor, 9 - 12 noon; and table monitors, 9 - 12 noon. If you are able to help out, please contact Meggan Johnson at 987-1002.



City council, continued

The city will be applying for a \$300,000 grant to improve the old amphitheatre site with additional walkways, a canoe/kayak launch, a new boat/fishing dock and new

Development Authority (DDA), \$50,000 from the Lowell Area Community Fund and an application for \$50,000 will be made to the Lowell Cable Television Fund.

The project will be tweaked as needed since the majority of the councilmembers were not happy with the proposed design from Design Plus. "It was just a concept,

just for the grant," said mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison. "I am not happy with the design."

Ellison said the money for the design was not well spent. The design proposal has been downscaled from \$600,000 to \$450,000. "A lot of it is recycled," said Ellison.

Energy savings, continued

tons since the start of the improvement program. "We've also cut down on light trespass," said DesJarden. The light improvements have been carried out in several phases. The phased out project replaced both bulbs and

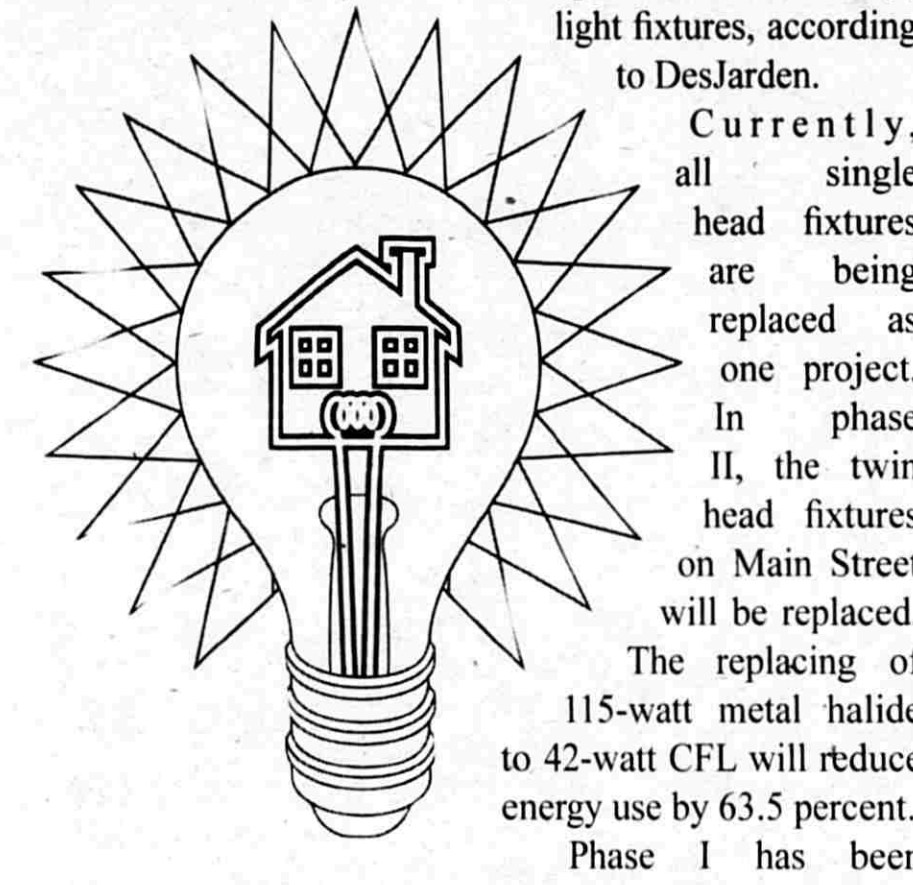
ballasts in garage bays, offices, restrooms, wall packs, security lights, exit signs and light switches. Funding from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) allowed the retrofitting of the decorative light poles to CFL (compact fluorescent lamp) light fixtures, according to DesJarden.

completed and brought an annual savings of \$1,600 and reduced CO2 emissions by 7.95 tons. When Phase II is completed, there will be an annual savings of \$3,933 and the greenhouse emissions will have been reduced by 24.46 tons. The DPW also received a \$10,654 grant from the Lowell Cable Television Endowment Fund to upgrade public street lighting.

The project will replace the 175-watt mercury vapor light fixtures that are no longer being manufactured with 65-watt compact fluorescent lamps. The estimated cost savings are \$10,260 per year. In related business, the city will purchase handheld water meter reading equipment for \$14,194

through the Water Fund. "This will eliminate human error," said DesJarden. "The equipment is compatible with our computer system, so we can get rid of the paperwork." The equipment is compatible with the customer billing software currently being used by the city.

Michigan Meter Inc. is the only vendor in the area to provide the hand-held system.



Currently, all single head fixtures are being replaced as one project. In phase II, the twin head fixtures on Main Street will be replaced. The replacing of 115-watt metal halide to 42-watt CFL will reduce energy use by 63.5 percent. Phase I has been



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Word Wise - Teen Poetry Contest

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CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Lowell will conduct a public meeting on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell Michigan 49331 for the purpose of receiving input and comments from the public on the proposed application to the 2011 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund for improvements to the downtown riverwalk area.

The proposed improvements include the demolition of the existing amphitheater, additional walkways, a canoe/kayak launch, a new boat/fishing dock and a new riverfront open space.

Following the public comment period, the City Council will consider a resolution authorizing submittal of the application on or before April 1, 2011.

Interested persons may offer comments at the meeting or submit them in writing prior to the meeting directly to the City Hall address.

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ask kathryn



Kathryn Denhouter Ph.D.

Last month's article was about the "people" skills that employers want when looking for future employees. This week I will be answering the question "what is emotional intelligence?" Much of the information regarding emotional intelligence is taken from the book written by Daniel Goleman entitled *Working with Emotional Intelligence*.

Emotional intelligence is the capacity to recognize our own feelings and those of others. It also depends on our ability to motivate ourselves and to manage emotions in ourselves and in our relationships. These are often not learned in books, but in real life situations.

There are two different kinds of intelligence - intellectual and emotional, and they reflect activity in different parts of the brain. Intellectual intelligence comes from the neocortex, the more evolved layers at the top of the brain. Emotional intelligence comes from the lower part of the brain, the subcortex.

Howard Gardner, a Harvard psychologist, proposed a model of intelligence called "multiple intelligence." On his list of seven kinds of intelligence he includes two that involve one's personal self. These two intelligences are 1.) knowing one's inner world and 2.) one's social adeptness. Two other psychologists (Salovey

and Mayer) have defined emotional intelligence in terms of being able to "monitor and regulate one's own and others' feelings, and to use feelings to guide their thoughts and actions."

Goleman summarizes his research on "what is emotional intelligence?" in the following five basic emotional and social competencies:

- 1.) *Self Awareness* - knowing what we are feeling and using that to guide decision making and having a realistic assessment of our own abilities;
- 2.) *Self Regulation* - handling our emotions so that they facilitate rather than hinder the task at hand. Included in this is one's ability to delay gratification and to recover from emotional

distress; 3.) *Motivation* - ability to move toward our goals - to take initiative, to seek improvement and to persevere; 4.) *Empathy* - sensing how people are feeling, cultivating rapport, and being in tune with a broad range of different people; and 5.) *Social Skills* - handling emotions in relationships well, picking up social cues and using

these skills to persuade and lead, negotiate and settle disputes for cooperation and teamwork.

The next article is entitled "The Inner-Rudder" and will give us further insights into emotional intelligence. If you have any questions or comments, please email me at kathryndenhouter@gmail.com.

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

401(k) review and rollover can be rewarding

Your 401(k) offers tax-deductible contributions, tax-deferred growth of earnings potential and a variety of investment options — so it's a great

at least annually and make whatever adjustments are needed.

Depending on where you work, you may get some 401(k) review help from your plan provider. But if that assistance isn't available, you might want to consult with a financial professional to make sure you're getting the maximum benefit from your plan.

As you begin to review your 401(k), your first question should probably

be this: "How much should I contribute?" At the very least, try to put in enough to receive your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. If you don't earn this match, you are essentially walking away from "free money." Beyond this, though, the amount you put in to your 401(k) might depend on what other retirement savings vehicles

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viewpoint

to the editor

Should be a vote on continuing Lowell DDA

Dear Editor,
I'm writing in response to the headline *City to extend life of DDA, purchases school property to continue improvements* (The Lowell Ledger March 2).

An April 4 public hearing is proposed to extend the Downtown Development Authority's power to govern for another 20 years. There is always more than one side to every story and I'm writing about why the DDA shouldn't have their authority extended.

Spending has been at the forefront for the last 18 years in the downtown area using tax dollars coming from all over the city. Tax

dollars that would have gone into the general fund. Now is the time to stop spending on fruitless projects like a new amphitheatre.

There's more to the community than just the downtown area and it's time to concentrate on the community's real needs. It's time that Lowell's taxes are used more wisely.

Lowell has 20 miles of roads which are in dire need of replacement. Lowell's tax rate is near the top in Kent County and a tax increment at this time, or in the near future, is out of the question.

But what is at question is how the community

spends its taxes. The taxes that go to the DDA are needed in the general fund so the community can be run and maintained properly. Extending the DDA, in my eyes, will only deny the general fund of those needed taxes.

Extending the DDA is one of the most serious proposals brought before

the community in many years and shouldn't be taken lightly. This is too important of a decision to be made by the city council or the DDA and should be put before the constituents for a vote.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard
Lowell

clearing up just who pays what

Dear Editor,
I read with amusement the letter in last week's Lowell Ledger, from Mr. Altoft, explaining the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) funding. I'm sure a lot of property owners in adjacent townships were surprised as were their governing boards to learn, according to Mr. Altoft, township tax money has paid for major improvements and construction projects within the City of Lowell. I believe Mr. Altoft even stated this is the only township tax money the City of Lowell receives.

The amusing part for me is Mr. Altoft is one of our elected city councilmembers. I assumed a councilmember, as part of a board empowered with the total budgetary control of the city, would know that neither township pays taxes to the city and if not knowledgeable of the specifics of the DDA, would turn to the subject matter experts who run the city on a day-to-day basis to be tutored on the mechanism that enables the DDA to capture local (city only) tax money.

Thanks for the laugh!
Jim Valentine
Lowell

Senate speaks out against Iranian repression



Sen. Carl Levin

The U.S. Senate recently added its voice to the many voices calling for the Iranian government to respect the undeniable and universal rights of its people.

We approved Senate Resolution 73, calling for an end to repression in Iran and for international action to support the Iranian people. I was proud to sponsor this bipartisan legislation, along with Sen. Ron Kirk of Illinois, Sen. John Kyl of Arizona, Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, Sen. Bill Nelson of Florida and Sen. Robert Casey of Pennsylvania.

Our resolution condemned continuing repression on the part of the Iranian government and reaffirmed our nation's commitment to universal freedoms. It expressed our support for the Iranian people in their peaceful calls for reform; called on the Iranian government to release those detained because of their religion, faith, ethnicity, race, gender, sexual orientation, or political belief; called

on the United Nations to establish an independent human rights monitor for Iran; and reaffirmed the universality of individual rights and the importance of democratic elections.

It amplified and strengthened the message that I and 23 other senators sent earlier this month in a letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton urging her to work with the United Nations Human Rights Commission to establish a human rights monitor for Iran.

Recent events in Iran have continued a pattern of abuse, repression and violation of civil and human rights that is all too familiar.

The people of Iran have rightly seen recent events in the Muslim world, including the removal of dictators in Tunisia and Egypt, as confirmation of the power of nonviolent protest. Just as they did in the aftermath of flawed

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He was a good neighbor, had a kind word for everyone and his honesty and uprightness in dealing could not be surpassed. Sincere sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo March 5, 1936

The five o'clock mail car on the westbound Grand Trunk train was discontinued Monday. So in the future there will be no 5:30 group, at the post office, waiting for the evening mail.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger March 16, 1961

Nick Daniels of Grand Rapids announced this week that the L.W. Rutherford Canning Company will manufacture a line of salad dressing, barbecue sauce and shrimp cocktail with sauce for him.

The product is being distributed under the name of "Nick's Old Fashion" and production will begin soon; Gordon Food Distributors will handle the product in West Michigan.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger March 12, 1986

On March 6, the regional spelling bee for this area was held at Alto Elementary School. Ten schools were represented. Each school sent the winner and runner-up of their school spelling competition.

This year's winner was Bernadette Fox, a seventh grade student at St. Mary's School. Bernadette won by spelling correctly Eindorn and indirubin.

125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal March 12, 1886

Miss Kittie Carr has accepted a position as sales-lady with N.B. Blain.

Rumor says one of Lowell's promising young clerks is contemplating a trip through Texas with the celebrated corn medicine. Corns extracted without pain. Satisfaction guaranteed or corns refunded.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger March 9, 1911

This community was greatly shocked Monday noon when it was learned that Ira Pottruff had succumbed to heart failure while at work, with his son Lewis, cutting wood with a gasoline engine. He lived about five minutes after being helped into the house and on to the couch.



By Shelly MacNaughton

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area births

Catlin



Kennedi Erin Catlin

Kennedi Erin Catlin was born February 27, 2011, weighing 8 lbs. 14 oz. Proud parents are Mark and Kelsey Catlin of Lowell.

In The Service

Air National Guard second Lt. Arren M. Sniderman has earned the silver pilot's wings of the Air Force after graduating from Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas.

The course is a 52-week training program consisting of three phases. Phase one, pre-flight, is six weeks long and includes academics and aerospace physiology training for flight preparation. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the T-6A Texan II, a single-engine, two-seat primary trainer. The T-6A is utilized to learn flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics, instrument and formation flying.

After T-6A training, students advance to phase three, selecting and competing to enter training in the fighter-bomber track, tanker-transport track, C-130 Hercules aircraft track or helicopter track. Each track is designed to best train pilots

for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

The fighter-bomber track trains in the T-38C Talon supersonic trainer and the tanker-transport track trains in the T-1A Jayhawk, a smaller military version of a passenger business jet. The multi-engine aircraft track trains in the T-44A King Air aircraft at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas and the helicopter track trains in the UH-1 Huey at Fort Rucker, Ala.

Upon successful completion of phase three, the student continues to follow-on training for a fighter, bomber, tanker, transport or remotely piloted aircraft, having earned the aeronautical rating of pilot in the United States Air Force.

Sniderman, a pilot with two years of military service, is assigned to the 47th Flying Training Wing at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. He is a resident of Ypsilanti, Mich., and when not on active duty, the second lieutenant is a pilot for Mesaba Airlines.

He is the son of Steve and Laura Sniderman of Ada.

In 2002, Sniderman graduated from Lake Orion High School and received a bachelor's degree in 2007 from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

health

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

the kidney

Our kidneys are important organs that function to filter the blood. They remove waste products from the blood, regulate blood pressure and help to regulate the number of red blood cells produced by our bone marrow. Your kidneys will filter all the blood in your body every 30 minutes.

Kidney failure occurs when the kidneys do not filter the blood properly. There are two main types of kidney failure, acute and chronic.

Acute kidney failure develops suddenly due to exposure to a chemical, drug, trauma or a severe infection. If the underlying cause of acute kidney failure is found and treated appropriately, full recovery is possible.

Chronic kidney failure is much more common and develops over several years. It is due to diseases like diabetes, hypertension, vascular disease and

exposure to certain medications. Early on there are no signs or symptoms of chronic kidney failure, but as the disease progresses symptoms can occur, including weight loss, anemia, fatigue, muscle cramps and nausea.

When kidney failure reaches a point that the kidneys are no longer working, dialysis will be needed to filter the blood. During hemodialysis, blood is removed from the body and filtered through a machine and then returned to the body. Kidney transplant is also performed in patients with end stage kidney failure.

You can prevent kidney failure by treating your hypertension or diabetes appropriately. Avoid chronic use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs unless absolutely needed.

For more information on kidney failure visit the National Kidney Foundation at www.kidney.org.



college news

Alma College has named the following students to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 2010 fall term:

Heather Spratt of Ada, 2007 graduate of Lowell High School; Erin Fleet of Lowell, 2010 graduate of Lowell High School; and Heather Walendzik of Lowell, 2008 graduate of

Lowell High School. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the dean's list.

Andrea Converse, a junior from Lowell, is studying off-campus during the 2011 spring

semester. She is studying in London, UK, through IES Abroad.

Converse is the daughter of Gregory and Marsha Converse and a 2008 graduate of Lowell High School.

The University of Northwestern Ohio is proud to acknowledge that Matthew C. Roth of Lowell has made the dean's list for the January 2011 session in the College of Technologies. Full-time students must receive a grade point average of 3.5 or better to be named to the dean's list. Roth is the son of Robert Roth of Lowell and a 2009 graduate of Lowell High School.

Malorie Coble has been admitted into the Honors College at the University of Indianapolis.

She is a Lowell High School graduate and the daughter of Sean and Emily Coble of Lowell.

Western Michigan University has named the following students to the fall 2010 dean's list:

Blake M. Huddleston, Gwyndd A. Lammas, Benjamin S. Lesneski, Doug G. Stutzman, Kristin E. Terhorst, and Carolyn F. Wolters; all of Ada. Evan M. Contreras, Jesse A. Heys, Laura A. Hillen, Josephine M. Isaac, Erik L.

Jacobson, and Amanda J. Johnson; all of Alto.

Stefany M. Bieber, Corrine A. Bieber, Timothy S. Kalman, Thomas M. Mark, Cameron D. McGillicuddy, Leslie A. Morrison, Laura A. Sheppard, Jessica E. Stephens, and Heather F. Wieberdink; all of Lowell.

Western Michigan University has announced the following graduates for the 2010 fall semester:

Renee K. Nelson, Master of Arts; and Sarah L. Velie, Master of Arts; both of Ada. Evan M. Contreras, Bachelor of Science; Martin B. Grant, Master of Arts;

Jesse A. Heys, Bachelor of Arts; Laura A. Hillen, Bachelor of Arts; Katee M. McCarthy, Bachelor of Science; and Shannon L. Tripp, Master of Arts; all of Alto.

Stefany M. Bieber, Bachelor of Arts; Gregory J. Eldridge, Bachelor of Business Administration; Danielle K. Gallert, Master of Arts; Kathryn S. Meyer, Bachelor of Science; Jakub Pala, Bachelor of Business Administration; Lina Spross, Master of Business Administration; and Tiffany T. Venneman, Master of Science, summa cum laude; all of Lowell.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 11-189865-DE

Estate of RICHARD H. PURDOM, Date of birth: 11/26/1923.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, RICHARD H. PURDOM, who lived at 1720 Ira NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504 died 01/26/2011.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against

the estate will be forever barred unless presented to RICHARD N. PURDOM, 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.

03/03/2011

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The City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2.16 OF THE CITY OF LOWELL ZONING ORDINANCE, TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR OUTDOOR FURNACE; AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION 4.24 TO CHAPTER 4, TO REGULATE OUTDOOR FURNACES.

Copies of the ordinance are available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library or on the City of Lowell's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us.

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person.

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BOYS & GIRLS TRACK

* Denotes a home meet at Red Arrow Stadium
All meets begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated

- 4/14 Creston*
- 4/21 at Grand Rapids Christian
- 4/23 at 9 a.m. Caledonia Relays
- 4/26 EGR*
- 4/28 at Northview
- 4/30 at 8:30 a.m. Lowell Invitational*
- 5/5 Greenville*
- 5/12 Conference at Greenville
- 5/26 time TBA Jon Bos Meet
- 5/13 at 6 p.m. Conference at Greenville

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

* Denotes a home game at Cherry Creek Ball Field

- 3/30 at 4 p.m. Wyoming Park* - double header
- 4/12 at 4:15 p.m. Unity Christian* - double header
- 4/14 at 4 p.m. Ionia - double header
- 4/16 at 10 a.m. East Kentwood Invitational
- 4/18 at 4:15 p.m. Byron Center
- 4/21 at 4:15 p.m. South Christian - double header
- 4/22 at 7:15 p.m. FHC at Leonard Field
- 4/27 at 4:30 p.m. Jenison* - double header
- 4/28 at 4:15 p.m. Creston*
- 4/30 at 9 a.m. Lake Orion Tournament
- 5/3 at 4:15 p.m. Grand Rapids Christian - double header
- 5/5 at 4:15 p.m. EGR*
- 5/10 at 4:15 p.m. Northview - double header
- 5/12 at 4:15 p.m. Creston
- 5/14 time TBA Traverse City West Invitational
- 5/16 at 4:30 p.m. Hudsonville* - double header
- 5/17 at 4:15 p.m. Greenville* - double header
- 5/19 at 4:15 p.m. EGR
- 5/25 at 4 p.m. Tichelaar Tournament*

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

* Denotes a home meet at H.S. Tennis Courts

- 3/26 at 9 a.m. Fruitport Invitational
- 4/13 at 4 p.m. Creston*
- 4/14 at 3:30 p.m. East Kentwood Quad
- 4/16 at 8:30 a.m. Lowell Invitational*
- 4/19 at 4 p.m. Cadillac at Ferris State University
- 4/20 at 4:15 p.m. at GR Christian
- 4/23 at 9:30 a.m. Caledonia Tournament
- 4/27 at 4 p.m. EGR*
- 4/28 at 4 p.m. Jenison
- 4/30 at 9 a.m. Northview Tournament
- 5/2 at 4:30 p.m. Mona Shores*
- 5/4 at 4 p.m. Northview
- 5/5 at 4 p.m. Portland
- 5/9 at 4 p.m. Greenville*
- 5/12 at 4 p.m. Hudsonville
- 5/14 at 9 a.m. Conference*

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

* Denotes a home game. All times TBA

- 3/28 Northview
- 4/13 EGR
- 4/15 GR Christian*
- 4/18 Grand Haven
- 4/20 Catholic Central*
- 4/25 Caledonia
- 4/27 West Ottawa*
- 5/4 Northview*
- 5/9 GR Christian
- 5/11 Grand Haven*
- 5/16 Caledonia*
- 5/18 West Ottawa

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BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

* Denotes a home game at Cherry Creek Ball Field

- 3/29 at 4:15 p.m. Grandville*
- 3/30 at 4 p.m. Wyoming Park* - double header
- 4/5 at 3:30 p.m. at Lakeview (Macomb Tournament)
- 4/5 at 5:45 p.m. at Dakota (Macomb Tournament)
- 4/7 at 2:30 p.m. at Detroit Western (Macomb Tournament)
- 4/7 at 4:45 p.m. at Cousino (Macomb Tournament)
- 4/9 time TBA Macomb Tournament
- 4/14 at 4 p.m. Ionia - double header
- 4/16 at 10 a.m. Lowell Invitational*
- 4/19 at 4:30 p.m. Creston*
- 4/21 at 4:15 p.m. at Creston
- 4/26 at 4:15 p.m. GR Christian - double header
- 4/28 at 4:15 p.m. GR Christian*
- 5/3 at 4:30 p.m. EGR* - double header
- 5/5 at 4:15 p.m. at EGR
- 5/10 at 4:15 p.m. at Northview - double header
- 5/12 at 4:15 p.m. Northview*
- 5/14 time TBA Aquinas Tournament
- 5/17 at 4:30 p.m. Greenville* - double header
- 5/19 at 4:15 p.m. Greenville
- 5/21 at 11 a.m. Grand Ledge* - double header
- 5/23 at 4:15 p.m. Forest Hills Eastern* - double header
- 5/28 at 10 a.m. Oxford High School - double header

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium

- 3/25 at 5:45 p.m. Caledonia*
- 3/28 at 7 p.m. Grandville
- 4/12 at 6:45 p.m. Wyoming Park*
- 4/13 at 6:45 p.m. Forest Hills Central
- 4/18 at 6:45 p.m. Kenowa Hills*
- 4/20 at 6:45 p.m. Creston*
- 4/22 at 6:15 p.m. GR Christian
- 4/27 at 6:45 p.m. EGR*
- 4/29 at 6:45 p.m. Fruitport*
- 5/2 at 6:45 p.m. Northview*
- 5/4 at 6:45 p.m. Greenville
- 5/9 at 6:45 p.m. Reeths Puffer
- 5/11 at 5:45 Creston
- 5/13 at 6:45 p.m. Cedar Springs*
- 5/16 at 6:45 p.m. GR Christian*
- 5/18 at 7:15 p.m. EGR
- 5/23 at 7:15 p.m. Northview
- 5/25 at 6:45 p.m. Greenville*

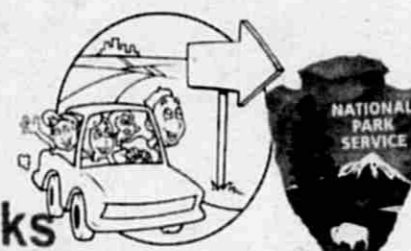
BOYS VARSITY GOLF

* Denotes a home meet at Deer Run Golf Course

- 4/13 at 12:30 p.m. Kent County Classic
- 4/16 at 11 a.m. Lowell Invitational*
- 4/21 time TBA Pre-conference at Thornapple Point
- 4/25 at 3:30 p.m. Portland*
- 4/27 at 3:30 p.m. GR Christian/Creston*
- 5/2 at 3:30 p.m. EGR
- 5/4 at 3:30 p.m. Northview/Creston*
- 5/5 at 3:15 p.m. Kenowa Hills
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exploring our national parks



Kurt Hieshetter

In the far eastern badlands of North Dakota lies the only National Park named after a president. Theodore Roosevelt National Park, named after our 26th president, covers some 110 square miles of the most desolate land in North Dakota. This park is actually three separate units. The North unit, the Elkhorn Ranch unit and the area we visited, the South unit.

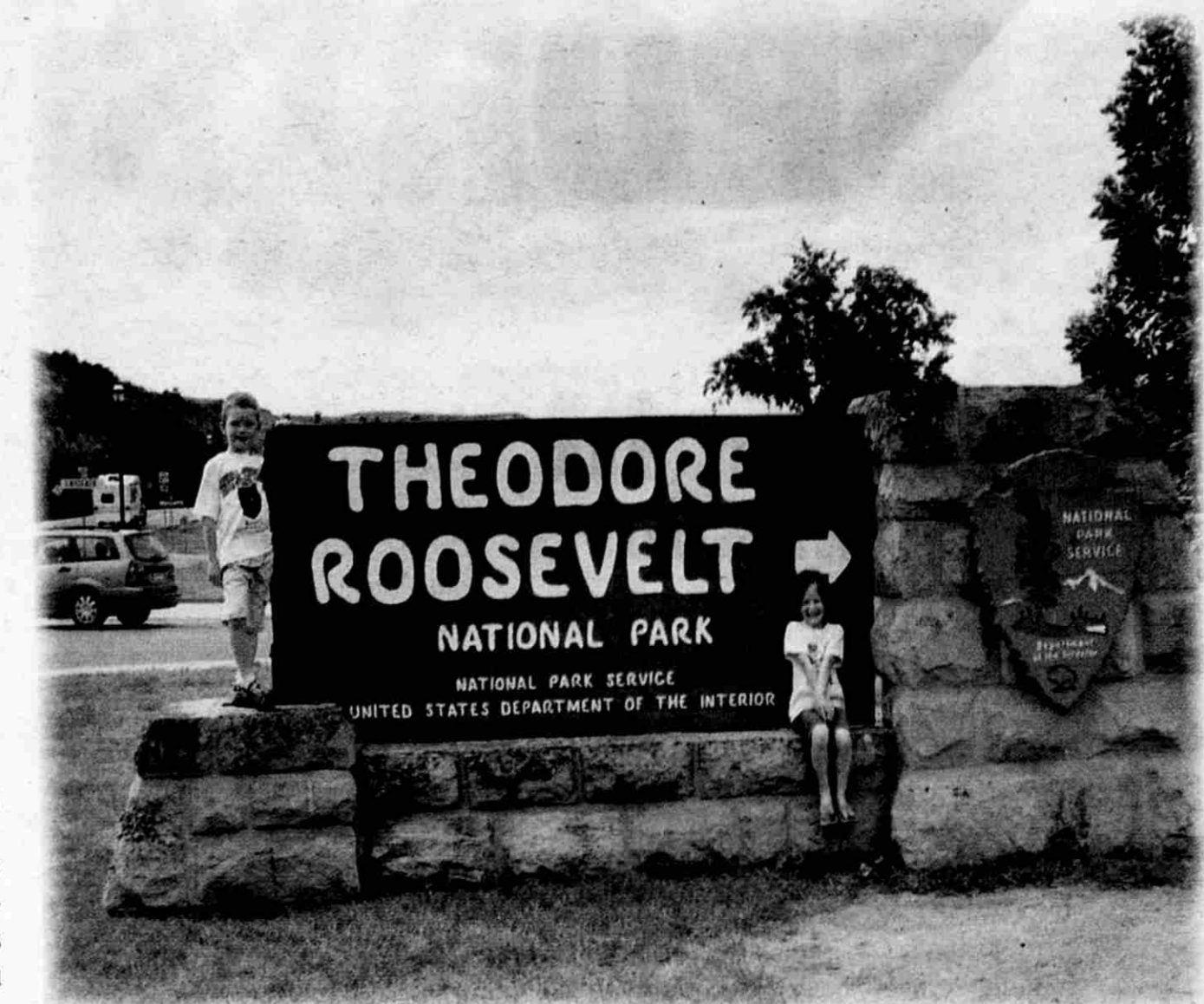
The South unit is accessed off I-94 near the town of Medora, ND about 20 miles from the Montana border. The South unit is by far the largest of the three areas. The entire park is fenced in and lies along the north side of I-94 for over 10 miles. As you exit the

of the park road are covered with prairie dogs and their dirt mounds. Most seem just as interested in you as you are them. Sitting on the edge of their little holes just feet away from your car window, they are some of the cutest animals you will ever see.

Leaving the plateau, the drive starts its descent into the Little Missouri River Valley. It is along this river where the Cottonwood Campground is located, our home for the next two nights. Appropriately named, the campground sits in a large grove of cottonwood trees on a bend in the river. As with most National Park campgrounds, Cottonwood has no electric hookups. However, it did

requirement for a Junior Ranger badge. These programs cover a wide variety of subjects: the environment, history of the area, native inhabitants, and many other subjects. The subject of our program was "the black-tailed prairie dog and how they benefit the environment." It is sad, but after an hour of listening to the ranger, all I remember at the end was the ranger saying, "As you walk back to your campground, please keep your flashlight pointed on the ground. Rattlesnakes like to warm themselves on the stepping stones and we wouldn't want anyone to step on one." We walked back to the trailer single file with all lights shining bright.

The highlight of the South unit has to be the 36-mile scenic loop drive. This paved road will take you deep into the back country of the land Roosevelt once ranched. As you follow this road up and down and



Dillon and Sierra arrive at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.



Herd of wild mustangs roam the North Dakota badlands.

freeway and enter into the town of Medora you soon realize that without Theodore Roosevelt National Park, there would be no Medora, ND. Medora is a very small version of Gatlinburg, TN. Those of you that have visited the Great Smoky Mountains National Park know what a tourist trap Gatlinburg can be.

Both the visitors' center and a museum are located just off main street in Medora. As with all National Park visitor centers, your park experience can be enhanced by spending some time looking at the exhibits and talking to the rangers. We had to stop just to find out where the campground was, and, unfortunately for us, it was another 10 miles into the park. Our time was well-spent looking at the Roosevelt exhibits, learning about Roosevelt's time in North Dakota and watching a movie appropriately named "T.R. Country."

The drive into the park from the visitors' center is a steady climb. You cross over I-94 continually climbing until you reach a vast plateau which is home to thousands of prairie dogs. Both sides

have water and flush toilets and very large sites with dense vegetation between campers. What more could we ask for?

As evening falls on the campground campers head to the amphitheater. It is here where various ranger programs are held. It is necessary for the Hieshetter family to attend these programs as it is a

around dry washes, you have to wonder how the heck did anyone raise cattle on this Godforsaken land.

Evidence of the park's largest mammals are everywhere. Bison chips litter the road from start to finish. Bison graze on the shoulder where the grass is greenest. Bison lay in the road blocking your passage

and don't seem to care that you might want to pass, no matter how many times you honk your horn.

The park is also home to a herd of 70 to 100 wild feral horses. This park is one of the few places left in the west where wild horses can be observed in their natural environment. And

they really are a beautiful and graceful sight to see.

It is because of these two large mammals that the entire park is fenced in. Both the bison herd and the mustang herd are kept at a manageable number. The park service rounds them up every few years. They are examined and sold off to keep the numbers down.

A trip to Medora and Theodore Roosevelt National Park would not be complete without dinner out. Since we were on our way to Glacier, leaving early the next morning, a big camp dinner was out of the question. Since we also had not spent any time in the small town of Medora (why would we?), a trip to town was in the works. I know they do things different out west and that is one of the reasons we love it so much. But when we heard about the pitchfork steak fondue dinner, we had to try it.

On top of a bluff barely a mile out of town is the Medora Musical. Every night in the summer they serve dinner to 200 hungry tourists. The way they cook dinner is quite unique. On the end of five-time

pitchforks, 12 oz. ribeyes are jabbed, ten of them at one time. They then stick this pitchfork into a large boiling vat of oil. After what seems like less than a minute, the steaks come out perfectly medium to medium well and so tender you can cut them with a plastic fork.

The speed at which this meat is cooked and two large buffet lines allow over 200 people to be served in less than a half hour. All outdoors, high on a bluff, with the vast North Dakota Badlands spread out before you. No tip, no waiting and hot dogs for the little ones. It was delicious and a great time.

Although Theodore Roosevelt National Park was not our final destination, the two nights spent were very relaxing and educational. Teddy Roosevelt once said, "I never would have been president if it had not been for my experiences in North Dakota." Fortunately for later generations, Roosevelt spent time here. He went on to become one of the biggest champions for land conservation in American history.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Rita M. Michalak Trust

Re: Rita M. Michalak, Date of birth: September 20, 1919

to CAROL I. COURTADE and/or THOMAS J. MICHALAK, Successor Trustees, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

03/02/2011

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, RITA M. MICHALAK, who lived at 2161 Leonard NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504 died July 8, 2008.

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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased or the trust will be forever barred unless presented

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Steak on a pitchfork.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Spotlight On Sports

With Shane Beach

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.

If Hollywood were to do a movie about you, who would play your part?

JB: Many people say I look like a certain actor, but can't think of his name right now.

JM: I have no clue. Parents say Justin Bieber.

What age were you when you started playing basketball and what attracted you to the game?

JB: Second grade. Watching Piston games that had Chauncey Billups on TV. Decided at that point and then went to see Globetrotters and that sealed the deal.

JM: Organized ball when I was in fourth grade. Dad played and brothers and sisters played, so I did also.

How many months out of the year do you play and or train for basketball?

JB: Five months out of the year. Shooting in driveway, ball handling and summer workouts.

JM: Pretty much year-round. Play at Courthouse and a tournament in Indiana.

What's the most exciting basketball memory you've ever had at any level?

JB: When Kyle Rogers hit a three pointer to win the game vs. GR Union, our freshman year, at the buzzer.

JM: When I smashed my face into the bleachers playing a game the summer of my freshman year. I had to have 80 to 100 stitches and needed my face reconstructed.

HOCKEY

Lowell/Caledonia can't slow EK in state tourney

by Brett Bremer

Down 2-0 after one period, Lowell/Caledonia still had a chance of keeping up with East Kentwood.

Down 5-0 after two, the likelihood of a comeback was slim.

When the host Falcons scored the first two goals of the third period, it was pretty much over.

East Kentwood scored a 9-1 victory over the Lowell/Caledonia varsity hockey team in Division I pre-regional action at Kentwood

Ice Arena Tuesday, bringing to an end an excellent season for the Lowell/Caledonia (L/C) boys.

L/C scored three more wins during the 2010-11 season than in the previous campaign, finishing with an overall record of 14-11. L/C was 9-3 in the O-K conference Tier III, tied for second place behind South Christian.

"They're pretty good," L/C coach Tim Beurer said of East Kentwood. "Number

eight on their team (Brett White) I think he had something ridiculous like 70-some points on the season. We kind of went in with a plan to slow him down. He didn't do too much on the scoreboard, well he scored a lot of points, but we did what we could do."

East Kentwood had three players with at least four points. White was one of them, recording two goals and three assists. He scored

the game's first goal, at the 6:16 mark of the first period, putting a shot through L/C keeper Nate Propst who had a crowd in front of him.

Erik Stapleton had two goals and four assists for the Falcons and Trent Bravata one goal and three assists. East Kentwood also got single goals from Ross McBride, Geoff Dykstra, Noah Baldwin and Cody Antonini.

"You just try to get them to play for one another," said Beurer. "I thought we had a legitimate chance if we could keep it close. For the first two periods at 2-3-even 4-0, I thought we still had a chance."

White and Stapleton had the only goals in the first period, a 15-minute session which saw the Falcons outshoot L/C 6-4. East Kentwood picked up the pace from there and would outshoot L/C 29-10 the rest of the way.

East Kentwood goalie Daniel Leahy stopped all ten shots that came his way.

"I've got to give props, no pun intended, to our goaltender (Nate Propst)," Beurer said. "He played well. 35 shots on goal, they

could have easily gone up eight goals in the second period.

L/C's Tyler Bitterman scored his team's lone goal, poking the puck through the Falcons' back-up goalie Zack Casavant at the 7:21 mark of the third period to make the score 7-1. Brandon Jamieson and Zack Hoffman assisted on the goal.

Kentwood closed out the game with goals by Bravata at the nine minute mark and

Antonini at the 11:04 mark of the third period.

Bitterman is one of ten seniors on the L/C roster this season. Beurer said he was very impressed with the group's leadership qualities both on and off the ice.

"I know this isn't the outcome any of us wanted. It's part of life. I told the seven guys (coming back next year) look, when we come back there's a lot of work to do."



Lowell/Caledonia defenseman Justin Lenman looks for space as East Kentwood's Erik Stapleton closes in during the first period of their team's Division I pre-regional contest at Kentwood Ice Arena Tuesday.

Photo by Brett Bremer



Lowell/Caledonia's Justin Pinto turns to carry the puck out of his own zone during the first period of Tuesday's Division I pre-regional contest against East Kentwood. Photo by Brett Bremer

This Weeks' Athletes: Jake Boelens, junior
Jason Malling, sophomore

Sport: Lowell Varsity Basketball

What is your signature move on the court?

JB: I play guard, three point shot from corner.

JM: Shooting guard and I shoot the three (pointer).

What are some of the biggest items your coach stresses to you and your teammates?

JB: Rebounds, get into position.

JM: Toughness and togetherness.

Do you like watching pro basketball or college better? Why?

JB: College, because they play harder playing for love of the game, no pay. They play to get paid at the next level (if good enough).

JM: College, they actually call traveling in college.

What is your favorite food?

JB: Steak and mashed potatoes.

JM: Pizza.

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

JB: Just baseball and basketball, hunting and fishing.

JM: I also play baseball.

Is there anything people in our community should know about you?

JB: Team practices hard. Always listen to music to get me pumped up before games.

JM: We have a good time together. Fun playing together.

Parents, brothers or sisters?

JB: Dad, Denny; mom, Julie; and brothers, Nick and Jason Coleman.

JM: Dad, Curtis; mom, Cheryl; sister, Kelly; and brothers, Mitchell, Brandon, and Marcus.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Red Arrow boys struggle in both games last week

by Shane Beach

The boys' basketball team traveled to Middleville to take on Thornapple Kellogg on Tuesday. Thornapple Kellogg came out red hot and built a lead that the Red Arrows couldn't overcome.

Justin Castro scored five of the Red Arrows' nine points early and Jacob Meyer and Jason Malling rounded out the scoring. Jared Stolicker, a 6'9" senior who accepted a full ride offer to Ferris State, had eight points as the Red Arrows were down 18-9 after the first quarter.

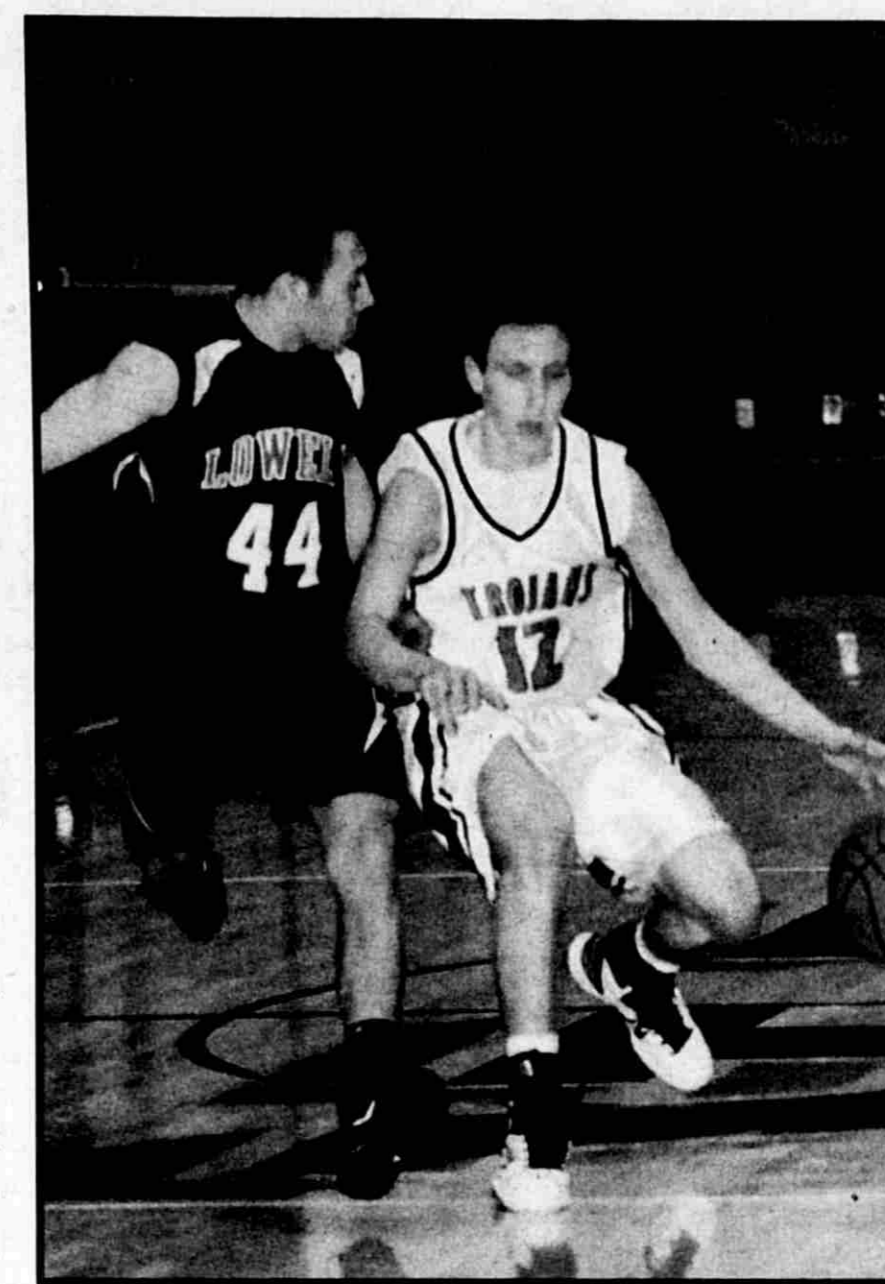
Alec Roerig scored four points in the second period to lead the Arrows but fell behind 17-31 at half.

Dan Wernet hit a triple in the third and the Red Arrows were outscored, in the final period 6-10, losing 31-61.

"We were a step slow tonight from the start. Stolicker is a tough one to handle in the paint," said coach McDonald after the game. "We weren't happy with our performance. It was a wake-up call for us that we need to be mentally ready and focused to play from the minute we get on the bus."

Egotism is the anesthetic that dulls the pain of stupidity.

- Frank Leahy



Lowell's Jacob Meyer (44) chases Thornapple Kellogg guard Greg Hamilton as he crosses the half-court line during Tuesday's nonconference contest in Middleville. Photo by Perry Hardin

On Thursday, senior night, the Red Arrows played a great game. Unfortunately, Lowell fell at the buzzer 57-56 on a three-point shot as time expired. "If you could script a senior night, it couldn't have been better except for one shot," said McDonald. "It was a gut-wrenching loss."

Wernet hit two triples to spark the Arrows and Elliott Drain hit a base line jump shot. Griffin Brenk knocked down a turnaround and it was knotted at 16 after the first quarter.

Kyle Rogers was a force in the paint and Wernet hit another triple to keep his hot shooting going. Drain went two for two from the line. A lay-up at the buzzer put FHE up by two at the half, 31-29.

Lowell had four players score in a balance attack in the third. Meyer, Wernet, Roerig and Blake Lyman all pitched in heading into the final, trailing 39-41.

Lowell scored 17 points in the fourth, but missed three crucial free throws with less than 43 seconds to go. FHE's Quinton Morrow hit a triple, as time expired, for the win.

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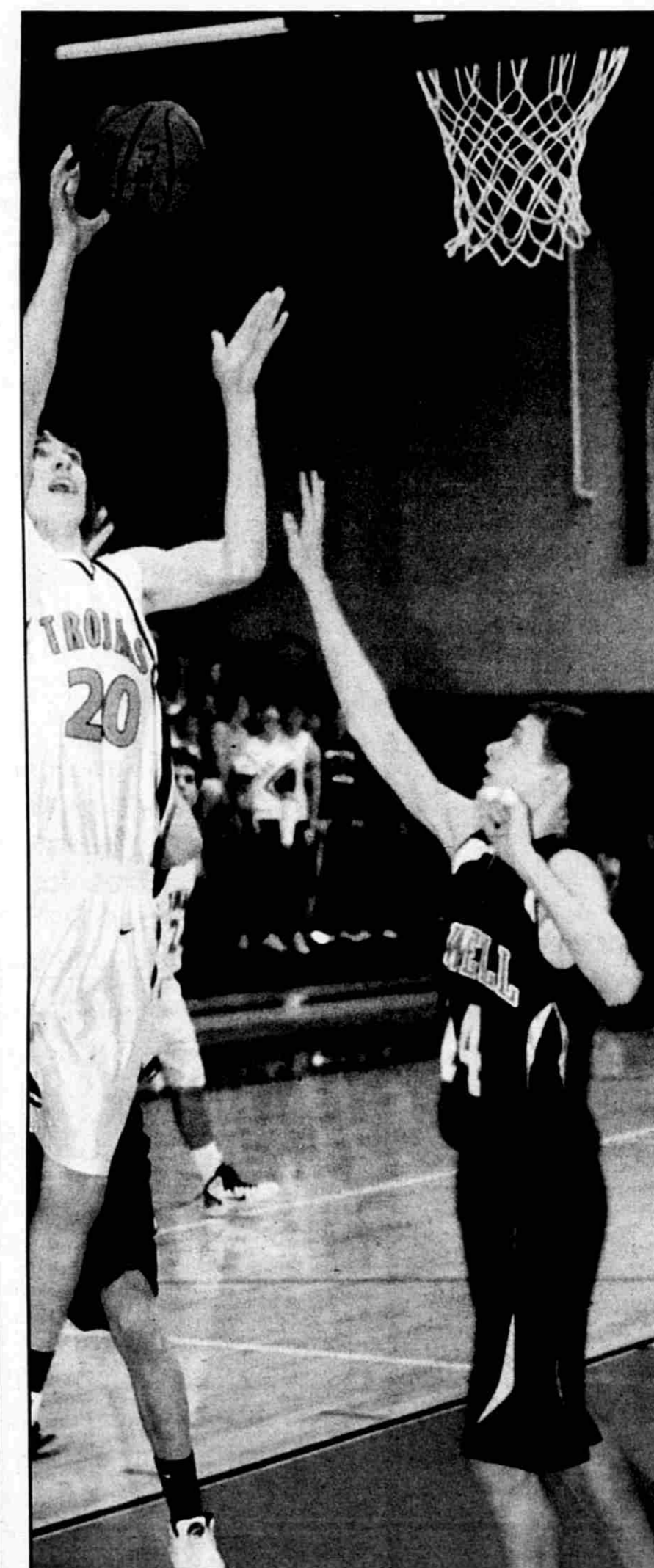
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The Red Arrows' Jason Malling (right) can't slow down Thornapple Kellogg's Jared Stolicker as he attacks the basket Tuesday in Middleville. Photo by Perry Hardin

Girls' basketball, continued

Greenville got five points each from Leah Somerfield, Miranda Downing, Erica Bigelow and Mackenzy Nichols.

Lowell improved to 11-11 overall this season with its district tournament victories.

The Red Arrows also scored their third victory of the season over O-K White foe Northview in the district tournament, topping the Wildcats in the semifinals Wednesday at Creston.

The Wildcats rallied from seven-points down in the fourth quarter to force overtime, but the Red Arrows outscored Northview 9-2 in the extra session to earn a 54-47 victory.

The Red Arrows were 25-of-33 at the foul line. Stevens was 8-of-11 herself and finished with a game-high 19 points. Taylor Flanagan went 7-of-9 at the stripe and finished with 11 points. Loughlin chipped in 12 points.

Lowell led 33-26 heading into the fourth quarter when the Wildcats went on a 19-12 run to send the game to overtime tied at 45-45.

Maggie Tisdale and Taylor Shomin had 14 points each to lead Northview, while Kenzie Crawford added 13. Shomin knocked down four threes in the contest.

LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU
Week of
March 14, 2011

MON: Hotdog on bun (stacked ham & cheese bagel also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), sweet potato oven fries, baby carrots, mixed fruit, milk.

TUES: Beef teriyaki dippers w/wheat roll (cheeseburger on wheat bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), broccoli florets w/ low fat ranch dressing, warm apple slices, milk.

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

THURS: Chicken nugget mashed potato bowl & wheat roll (tuna salad sandwich also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes/gravy, fruited shamrock gelatin, milk.

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

Red Arrow SPORTS

- WRESTLING

Trio of Lowell juniors earn individual state titles

by Brett Bremer
 Lowell juniors Gabe Morse, Andrew Morse and Gabe Dean now have individual accolades to match the team state championship they helped win as freshmen.

The three all won state championships Saturday at the Division II individual finals.

Dean earned a top spot on the 189-pound medal stand, completing a 40-0 junior season, by knocking off Madison Heights Lamphere's Jackson Lewis 5-3 in overtime, after a 3-3 tie at the end of regulation, in their championship match Saturday night at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Gabe Morse won the 140-pound weight class with a 9-3 decision over Haslett's Taylor Grenawalt and Andrew Morse took the

145-pound title by topping Mason's Nick Starzec 12-0 in the finals.

Lowell had seven of its ten state qualifiers earn medals over the course of the three-day tournament. Dan Fleet capped off a 26-5 senior season with a runner-up finish in the 152-pound weight class. He was downed by St. Johns' Jordan Wohlert 14-6 in the finals.

Fleet's senior classmate Wade Schlosser placed eighth after losing his match by fall to Farmington Hills Harrison's Sultan Hubbard. Placing fourth and seventh respectively, freshmen Garrett Stehley at 189 pounds lost by fall in overtime to Kyle Fisher of Linden and Bailey Jack at 103 defeated his opponent, Cody Chase of Owosso, in overtime 6-4.

Wrestling tough but falling short of the medal round were three other state qualifiers: juniors Luke Stephans and Jake Stehley and freshman Kanon Dean.

Dean and Andrew Morse had both come up one victory short of an individual state championship wrestling in Division I in 2010.

Dean's overtime victory over Lewis wasn't his only tight victory of the weekend. He scored a 7-6 win over

Haslett's Jacob Hampton in the championship semifinals Friday night, after starting the tournament by pinning Stevensville Lakeshore's Tyler Tiefenbach and topping Sparta's Paul Dunneback 7-3.

Andrew Morse was 44-2 this season, winning all four of his matches at the Palace rather handily. He pinned Greenville's Josh Juarez in 47 seconds to open the tournament, then defeated

Dearborn Divine Child's Jamie Jakes 12-3 and St. Johns' Travis Curley 7-2.

Gabe Morse's path to a championship began with a 13-3 win over Auburn Hills Avondale's Kyle Reinhart. He then topped Gaylord's Jesse Armstrong 3-1 and Shawn Brewer from New Boston Huron 6-1. Gabe ends the season with a record of 33-1.

Andrew Morse and Fleet both earned the third

state medal of their careers. Fleet scored decisions over Carleton-Airport's Bryan White, Riverview's Mike Carnarvon and Milan's Tim Sims to reach the 152-pound final.

Lowell coach Dave Dean said, "It just goes to show how hard work will pay off; it was just a great overall performance. I am so proud of all of them."



Pictured are all-state placers and qualifiers, back row, left to right: Gabe Dean, Gabe Morse, Andrew Morse, Garrett Stehley, Luke Stephans, and Wade Schlosser; front row, left to right: Jake Stehley, Dan Fleet, Kanon Dean, and Bailey Jack. Photo by Nancy Dood

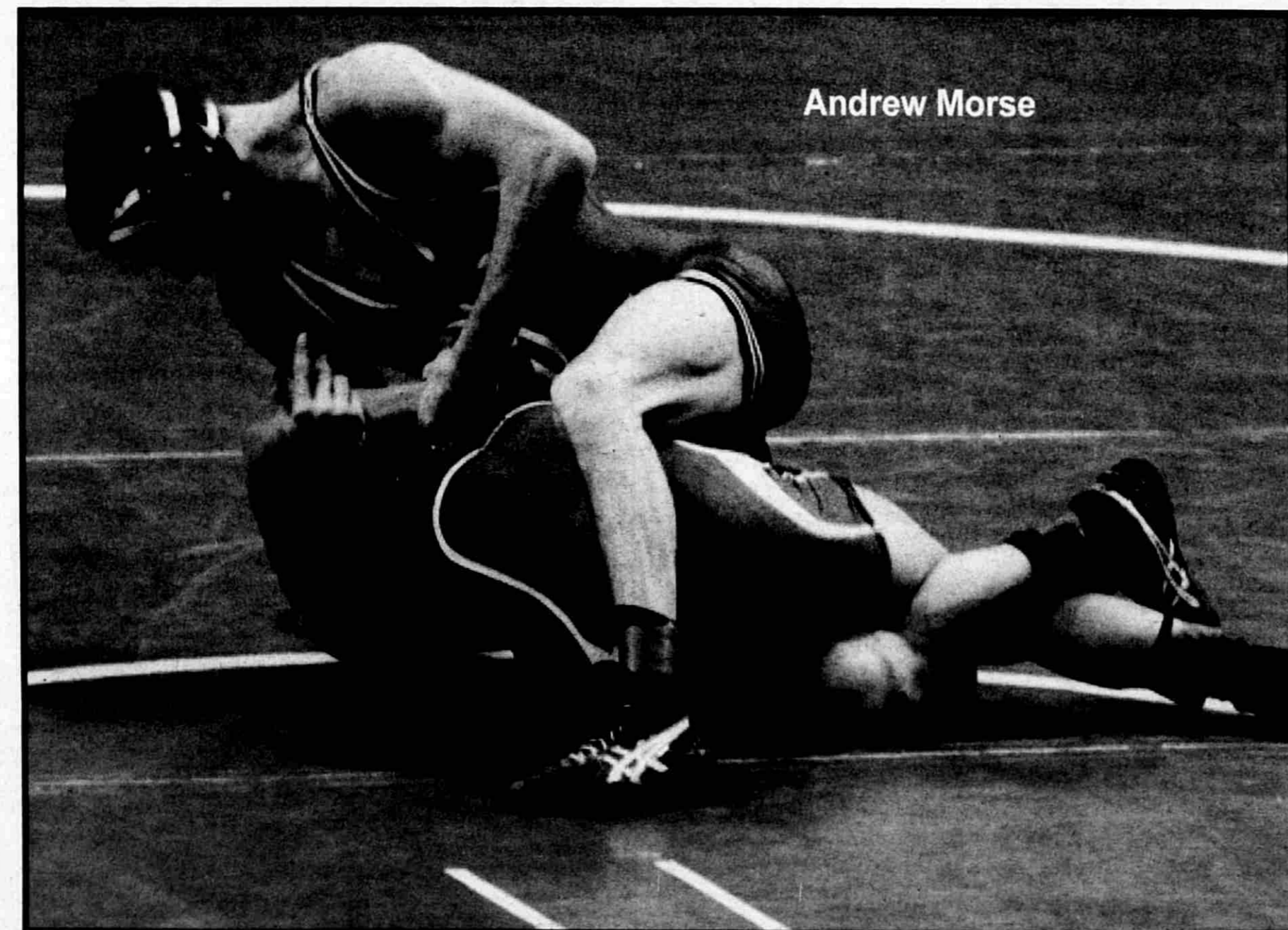


Photo by Pam Schlosser

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DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting as corrected.

Motion to approve the accounts payables as presented.

Motion to approve the closing of Main Street from Hudson to Division Streets on Monday, July 4, 2011 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the West Michigan Stage Three Bicycle Race.

Motion to approve the purchase of hand held water meter reading equipment.

Motion to establish a public hearing for Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving input and comments from the public on the proposed application to the 2011 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund for improvements to the downtown riverwalk area.

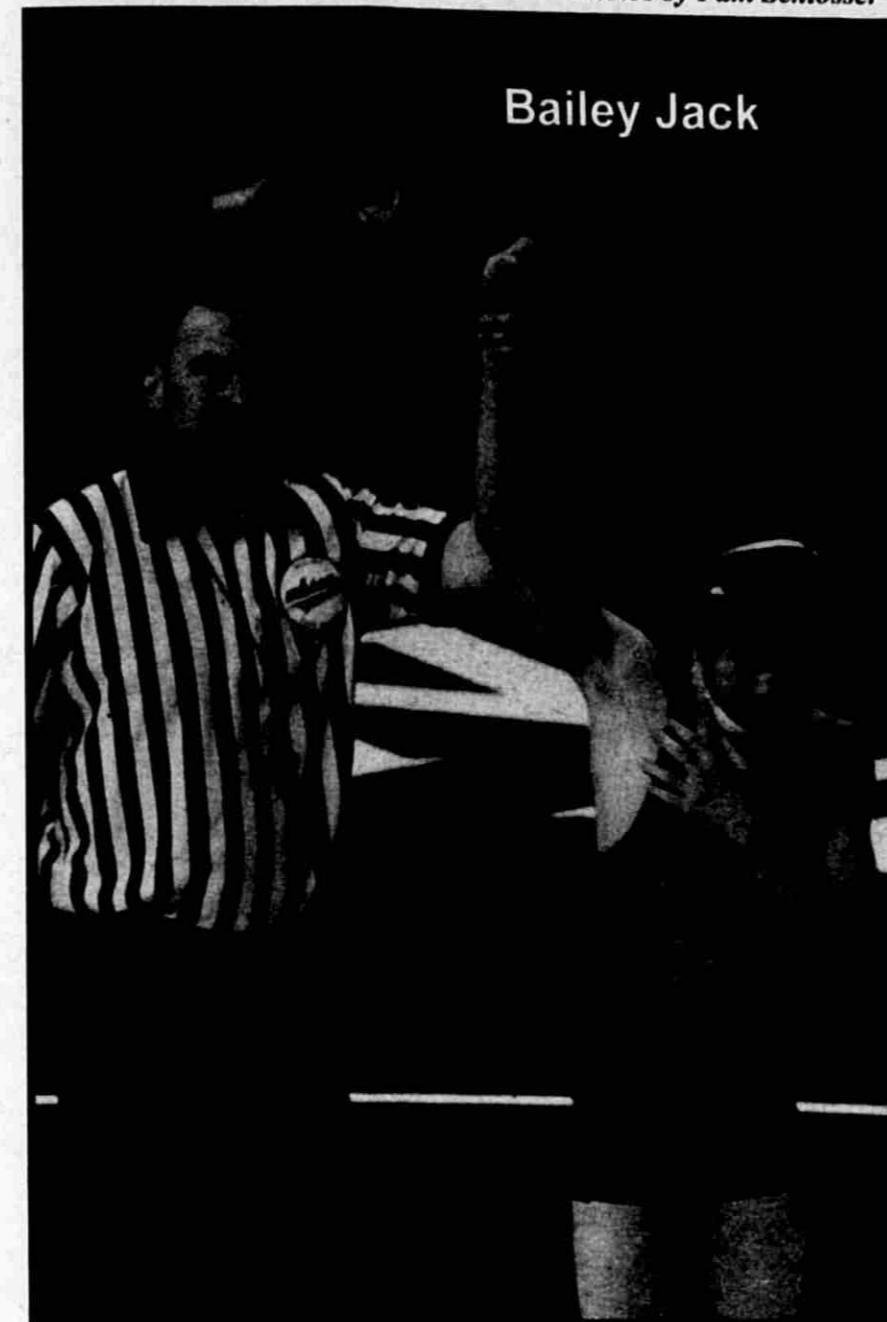
Motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 21, 2011.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on March 21, 2011 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.

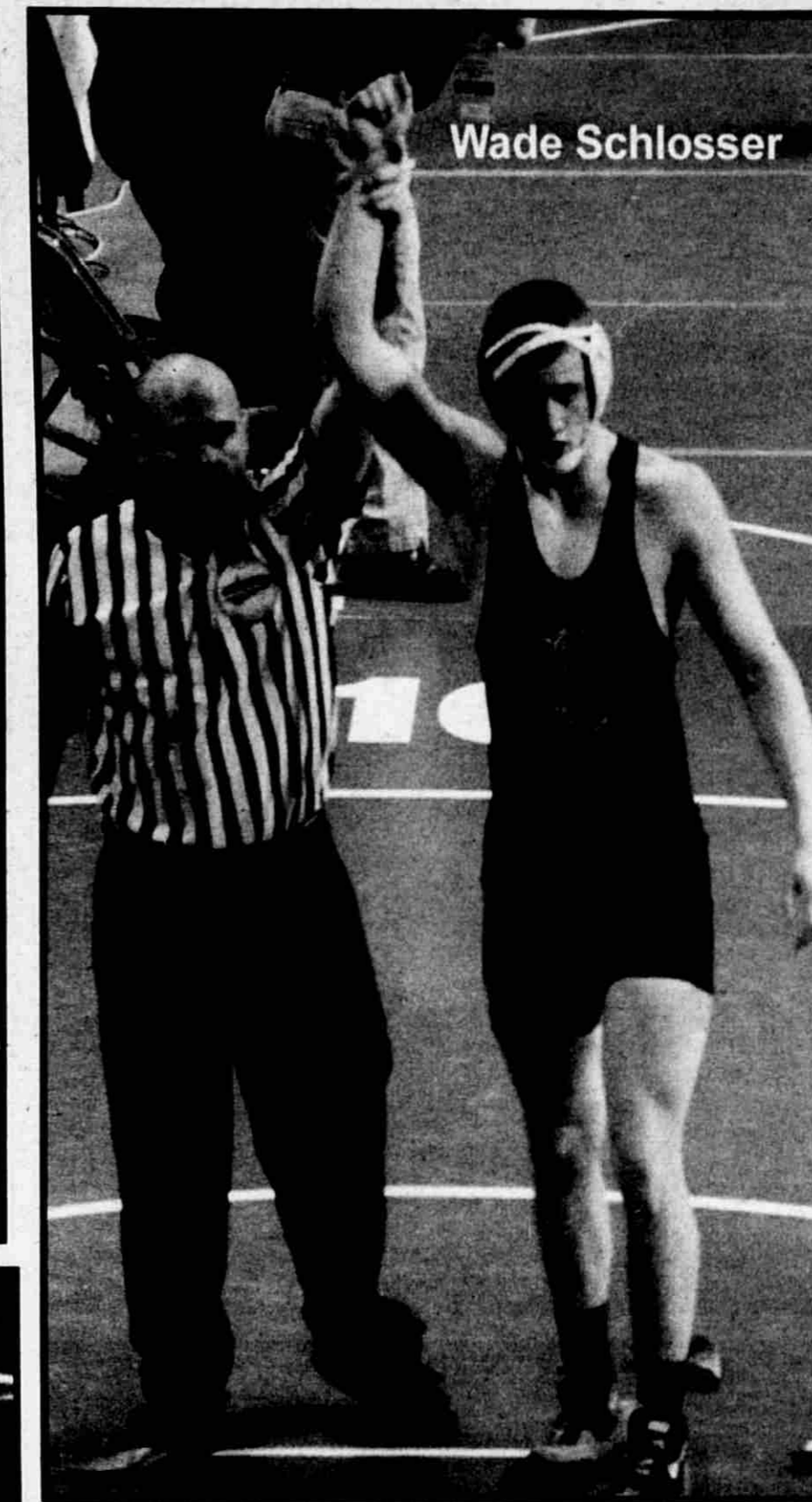
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Wrestling, continued

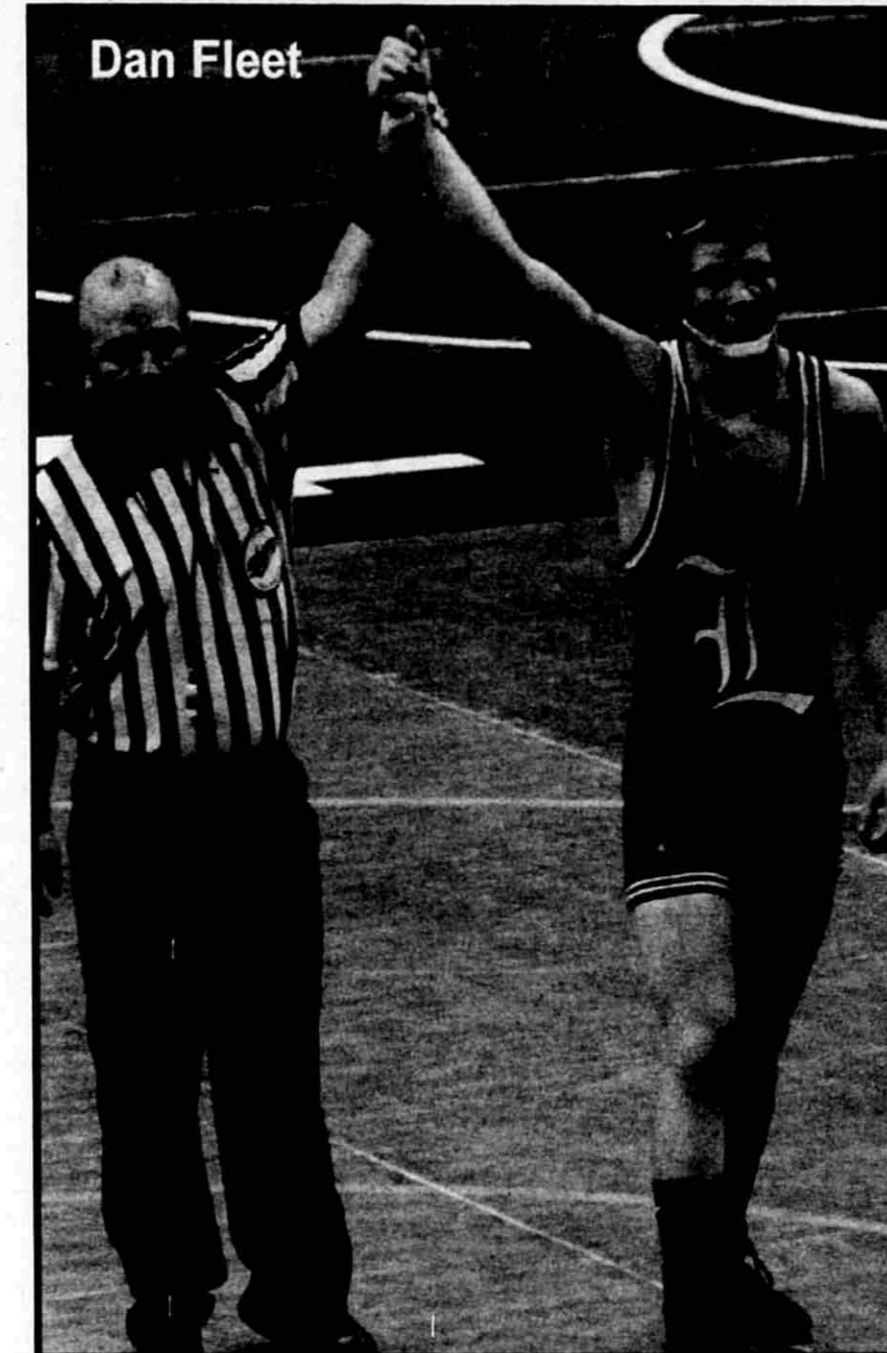
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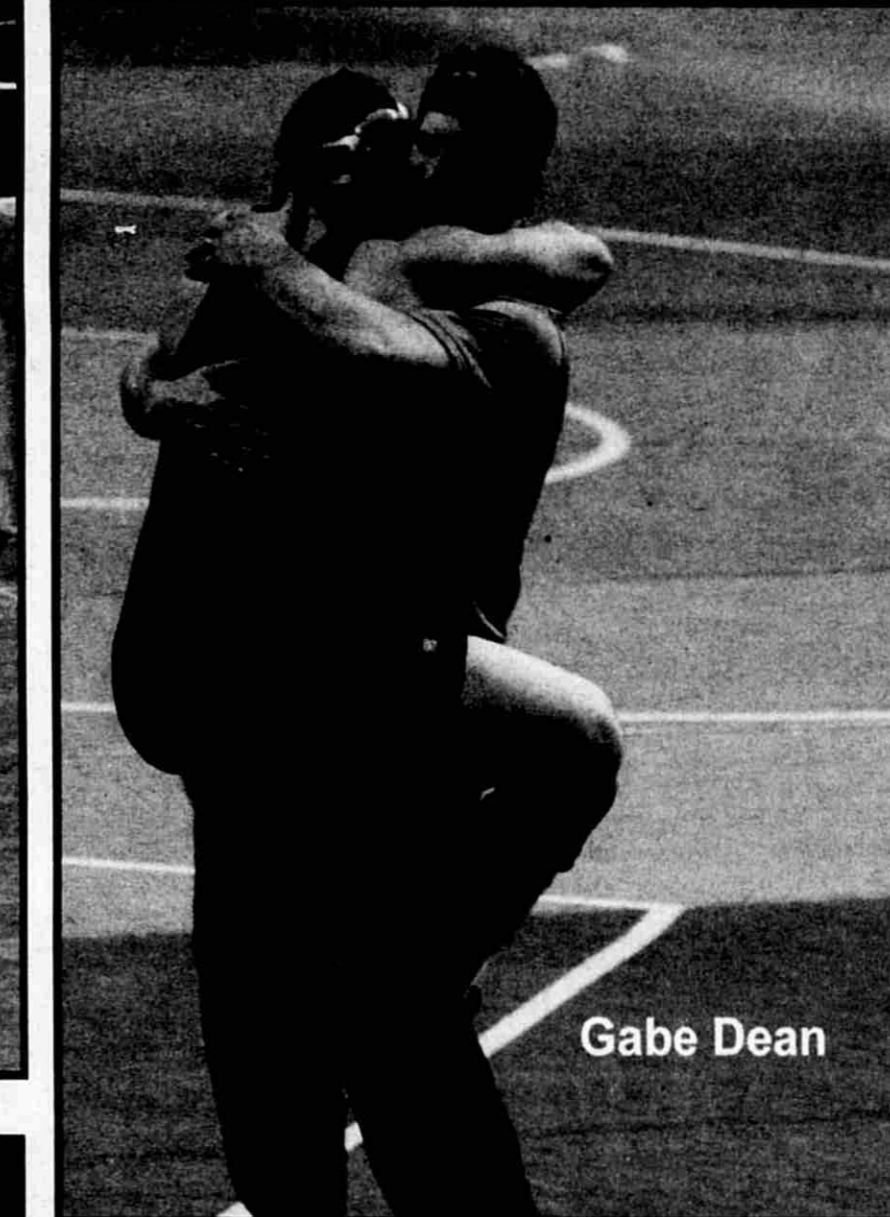
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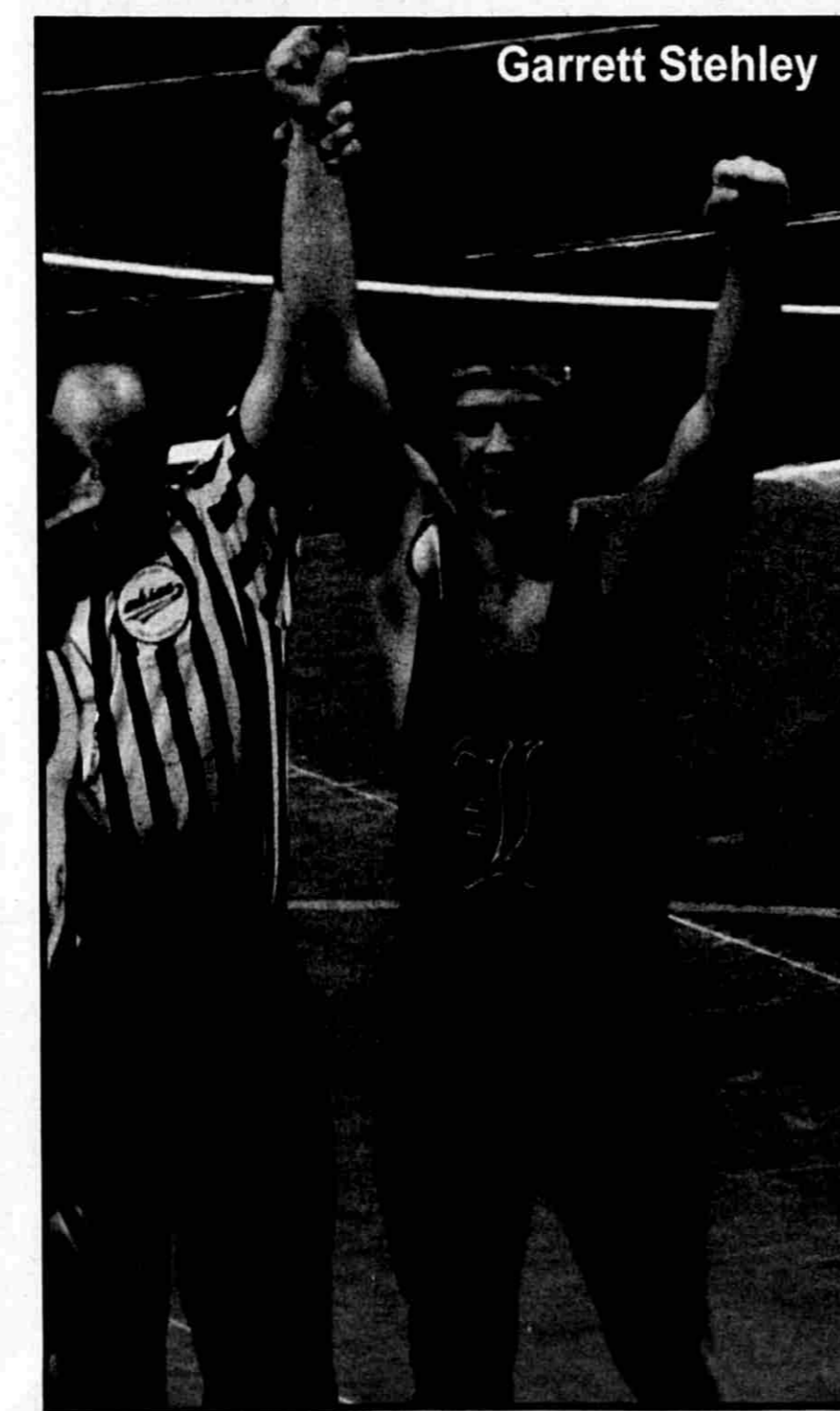
Wade Schlosser



Dan Fleet



Gabe Dean



Garrett Stehley



Gabe Morse



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Fantastic job Lowell High School concert and symphony bands. They received all "ones" at the band competition.

THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION -
How would you lower the gas prices?

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

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

Given the plethora of online resumes (like LinkedIn), do you trust their accuracy or believe that people exaggerate their qualifications?

- YES I trust online resumes..... 0%
- NO I've seen some and know people lie 62%
- THERE SHOULD be a way to comment on the sites 15%
- DON'T CARE..... 23%



MARCH 2 - MARCH 8

- Libyan rebels say they will regroup and bring in heavy weapons after forces loyal to Muammar Gaddafi pounded opposition fighters with helicopter gunships, artillery and rockets to stop the rebels' rapid advance toward the capital.
- Burlington, VT - A fierce storm is raking northern New England and upstate New York with heavy rain, other areas in ice, dumping as much as 30 inches of snow on the winter-weary region.
- U.S. gasoline prices increase nearly 33 cents in a two-week period, the second biggest price jump in the history of the gasoline market.
- U of M, in the final seconds, beats Michigan State in basketball 70-63 for the second time this year.

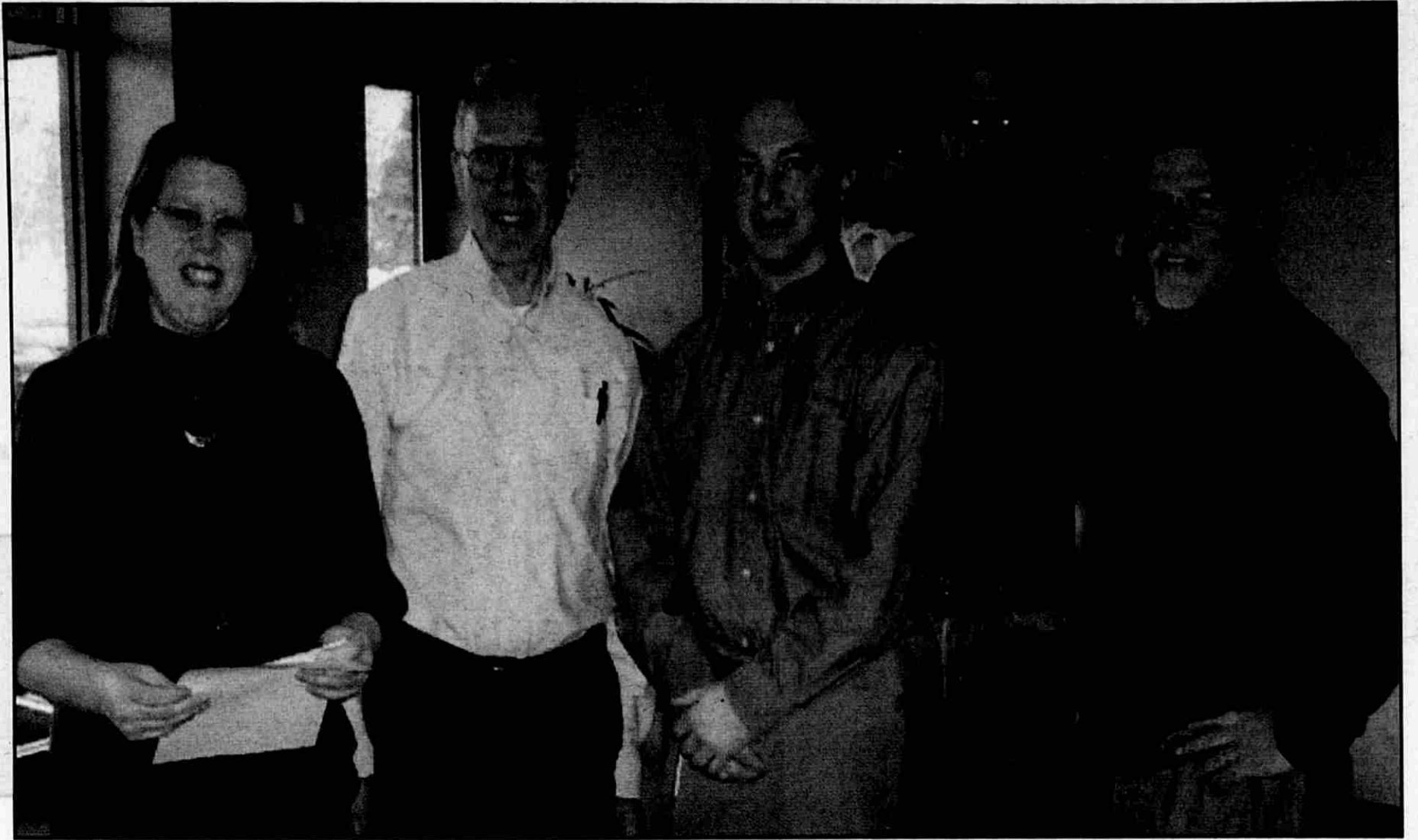
Employee product sale raises funds for Alpha Women's Center

Attwood Corporation held a sale of excess product inventory to the employees on Feb. 18. The employees were able to buy Attwood product, for personal use only, at a reduced cost. All proceeds from the sale were donated to the Alpha Women's Center of Lowell.

The sale was a huge success with over 100 employees participating,

spending from \$1 to \$250. The sale was held three times throughout the day. Some of the employees came to all three time slots to shop.

The real winner was the Alpha Women's Center of Lowell. Attwood's employee sale proceeds totaled \$8,884. A check was presented to Alpha Women's Center of Lowell.

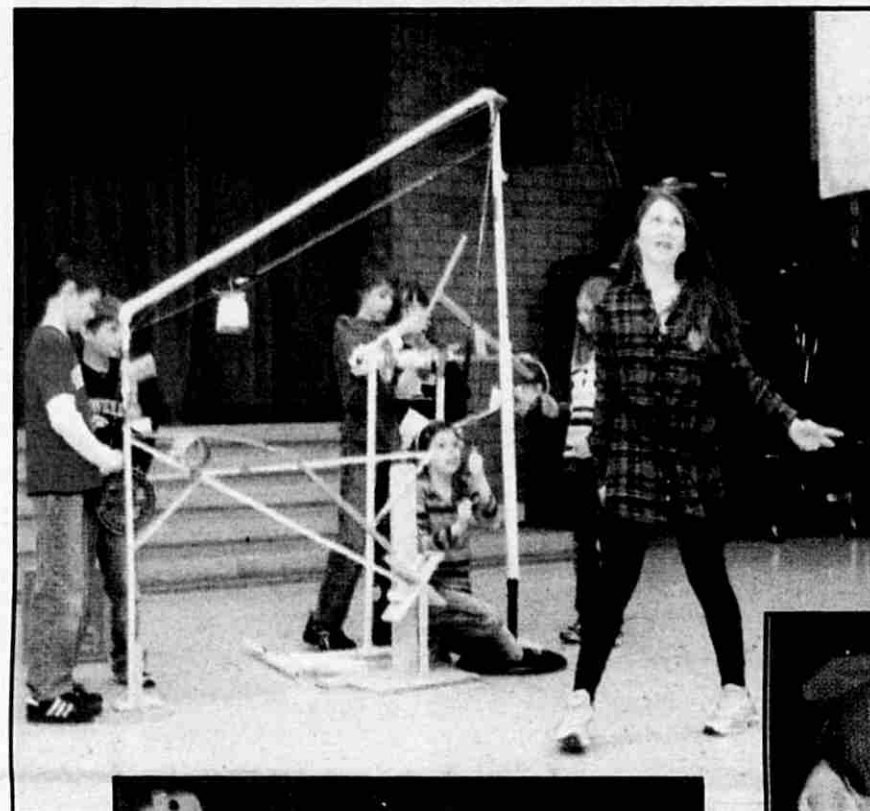


Pictured, left to right: Deb Karasiewicz, Center director; Earl Pomeroy, board chairman; Chris Drees, Attwood Corporation president; Joe Weitzel, Attwood Corporation union president; and Pete Zimmer, Attwood Corporation v.p. of finance.

Lowell Odyssey of the Mind teams prepare for competition

Ten teams from Lowell Area Schools met recently at Cherry Creek Elementary to show off their creativity in a dress rehearsal for their upcoming competition. The Lowell teams will travel to Greenville on Saturday, March 19, for the Region 13 Odyssey of the Mind Competition. The teams will perform a long-term performance that they have been working on since October. Their long-term performances include a humorous

performance about a money maker that tries to make money from wild ideas, an original performance where a classical character acts as a tour guide, a humorous performance where something changes form or appearance and eventually undergoes a final change, and a Rube Goldberg machine that takes a simple task and makes it complicated. On the day of competition, the teams will also be judged on how well they solve a spontaneous problem.



Clockwise from top, testing their Rube Goldberg machine are Murray Lake students, left to right: Mike VandenHout, John Russell, Christian Davis, Addison Mallindine, Emily Lothian, Chloe Looman, and Cassie Dean.

Taking a tour of the Eiffel Tower are Cherry Creek students, left to right: Mackenzie Uhen, Carly Hoekstra, Irene Trierweiler, and Marlie Fowler.

Trying to make money from their wild ideas are Alto students, left to right: Karina Peplinski, Sophia Scott, and Aiden Pyle.



CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

2011 Watermain Project
(West, Heffron & Center Streets)
and
North Center Avenue
Reconstruction Project

Public Information Meeting
7 p.m.

Thursday, March 24, 2011
Lowell City Hall - Council Chambers

The City of Lowell is proceeding with two projects. (1) Watermain improvements on West, Heffron and N. Center Streets and (2) Reconstruction of N. Center Ave. (from Main Street north to Laurels of Kent). The work is scheduled to begin on or soon after April 4, 2011 and be complete in Mid June.

The City is conducting a public information meeting on **Thursday, March 24th at 7 p.m. at Lowell City Hall**, to inform local residents and other interested parties about the upcoming projects. Representatives from the engineering firm will be present to explain the scope of the project, schedule, traffic detours, local access and to answer any questions you may have. All residents and businesses in the vicinity of this project are encouraged to attend as the portions of the roads will be closed or at least partially closed during the construction.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

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