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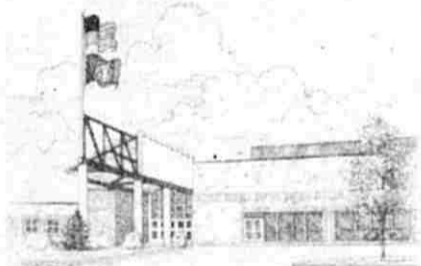


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Sunday break-in at a Lowell Baptist church

by Emma Palova

The First Baptist Church located at 2275 West Main Street was broken into on Sunday, March 13, in the afternoon.

The suspect, a 42-year-old male, broke the front glass pane and stole a TV and a DVD player. The damage from property stolen is estimated at \$350 and \$1,000 for the glass door.

Pastor Lee Taylor, who has been with the First Baptist Church for 13.5 years, said the breaking must have been random.

"No one saw him

coming or leave, so it's circumstantial," Taylor said.

The suspect did talk to a church official in the morning, asking for financial help, giving a fake name. Once it was entered into the Access of West Michigan database, the name came up as an individual with a record of break-ins into churches, after asking for diapers.

"He stole a DVD with a flat screen used for Ladies'

Church break-in, continued, page 2



City holds public meeting on MDNR application for Riverwalk improvements

by Emma Palova

In a public meeting held Monday night, project consultant Dave Austin of Williams & Works presented the proposed \$450,000 Flat River Riverwalk improvements prior to the grant application deadline of April 1.

The city's match for the project is \$150,000. That amount has been obtained from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Lowell Area Community Fund and the Lowell Cable Television Fund.

"The 33 percent local match gives the grant application additional points," said Austin.

As part of the project, the city purchased property from the Lowell Area Schools to make the walkway

extension contiguous along the Flat River.

The proposed improvements include the demolition of the existing amphitheatre, additional walkways, a canoe/kayak launch, new boat/fishing

dock and new riverfront open space.

Also, the sea wall will be extended to hold up the future extension of the Riverwalk. Austin

Public meeting on Riverwalk, continued, page 3

Student artwork featured at various venues around the state



Students pictured are: Ellie Fitzpatrick, Sarah Bockskey, Karlie Paulin, DeeAnne Merriman, and Aleesha DenBraven. Missing is Andrea Herrera.

by Emma Palova

Only exceptional juried art pieces representing the work of Lowell High School art students have made it to various venues around the state.

Student artwork was on display at the Grand Rapids Art Museum from Feb. 22 to March 10. This exhibit, among others, featured the work of Karlie Paulin, Aleesha DenBraven,

DeeAnne Merriman, Ellie Fitzpatrick, Sarah Bockskey and Andrea Herrera.

Merriman's ceramic teapot and ceramic sculpture will be included in the

Governor's traveling art show. "This is a very distinct honor as only 18 pieces of art in the state are chosen for the show," said Susan Langford, art department chair.

The artwork will travel to different locations around the state for the next school year.

Paulin's ceramic teapot will also go to Lansing for display in the Capitol building.

Other students' work included a mixed media sculpture by Fitzpatrick, digital imaging art piece by Bockskey and digital imaging collage by Herrera.

The Michigan Art Education Association selects the art pieces for display at the Grand Rapids Art Museum.

"The show is a very selective show," said Langford.

Art teachers are only allowed five pieces for consideration. Seven pieces were juried into the show representing the students from Langford's class and from Chelsea Levin's class.

"This is a remarkable amount of work to be represented by one school," said Langford.

50 CENTS



Fairness at Murray Lake Elementary

The Character in Action award winners for the month of February at Murray Lake Elementary are pictured at right. February's trait was fairness. These students were nominated by staff and/or students for putting fairness into action on a daily basis.



Baptist church break-in, continued

Bible Study, so now he has 30 ladies praying for him," laughed Taylor.

Taylor said the main thing is that no one got hurt.

"True wealth is not what you have, but who you have," said Taylor.

According to police chief James Hinton, the individual was inside the church prior to the break-in and asked for financial help. During that time he cased the church for items of value.

"The case is related to other break-ins in Kent County," said Hinton. "This is a person from the Grand Rapids area, not a local person."

Recently, at least two other churches in Grand Rapids have been broken into. Lowell Police Department is working with the Grand Rapids Police Department to track down the suspect.

Hinton said the suspect is not dangerous and has a property criminal history, but is non-assaultive.

"His motive is casing up the inside for valuables or money, then he returns back and breaks into the church to steal," he said.

The church break-in is not related to the recent Dollar General break-in. The charge is a 10-year felony for breaking and entering into a building with intent to steal. The suspect's name may be released after arraignment.

The local suspect in the recent Dollar General break-in case, that happened on Sunday March 6, has not been arrested yet.

"We have not even received any leads," said Hinton.

For tips with leads call the Lowell Police Department at 897-7123.



along main street

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be distributing plastic bags for "Scouting for Food" this week for collection of non-perishable food items for Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) food pantry. They will be re-canvassing the neighborhoods on Sat., March 26, 8 am to noon, to pick up food items and deliver them to FROM. Please be on the lookout to help FROM help those in need.

BLOOD DRIVE

Sat., April 2, 10 am to 2 pm at St. Mary's, 402 Amity. Walk-ins welcome.

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

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A night of music



The Lowell Music Boosters will present an evening of entertainment and fun on March 29 at 7:00 pm. Select ensembles from the members of the Lowell Area School music department, orchestras, concert bands, choirs and winter guard will perform.

This concert is a benefit for the Lowell Music Boosters and will directly benefit students attending summer music camps. Tickets are available at the door or at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Cost for the tickets is a suggested \$5 donation. Refreshments will be served before the concert. Those attending will be able to peruse the items for a silent auction while they enjoy the refreshments.

Public meeting on Riverwalk, continued

said the Riverwalk stage for Thursday night summer concerts will not be replaced with the proposed project.

In the north area of the project, a slope will have to be graded. However, no detrimental elements will be added.

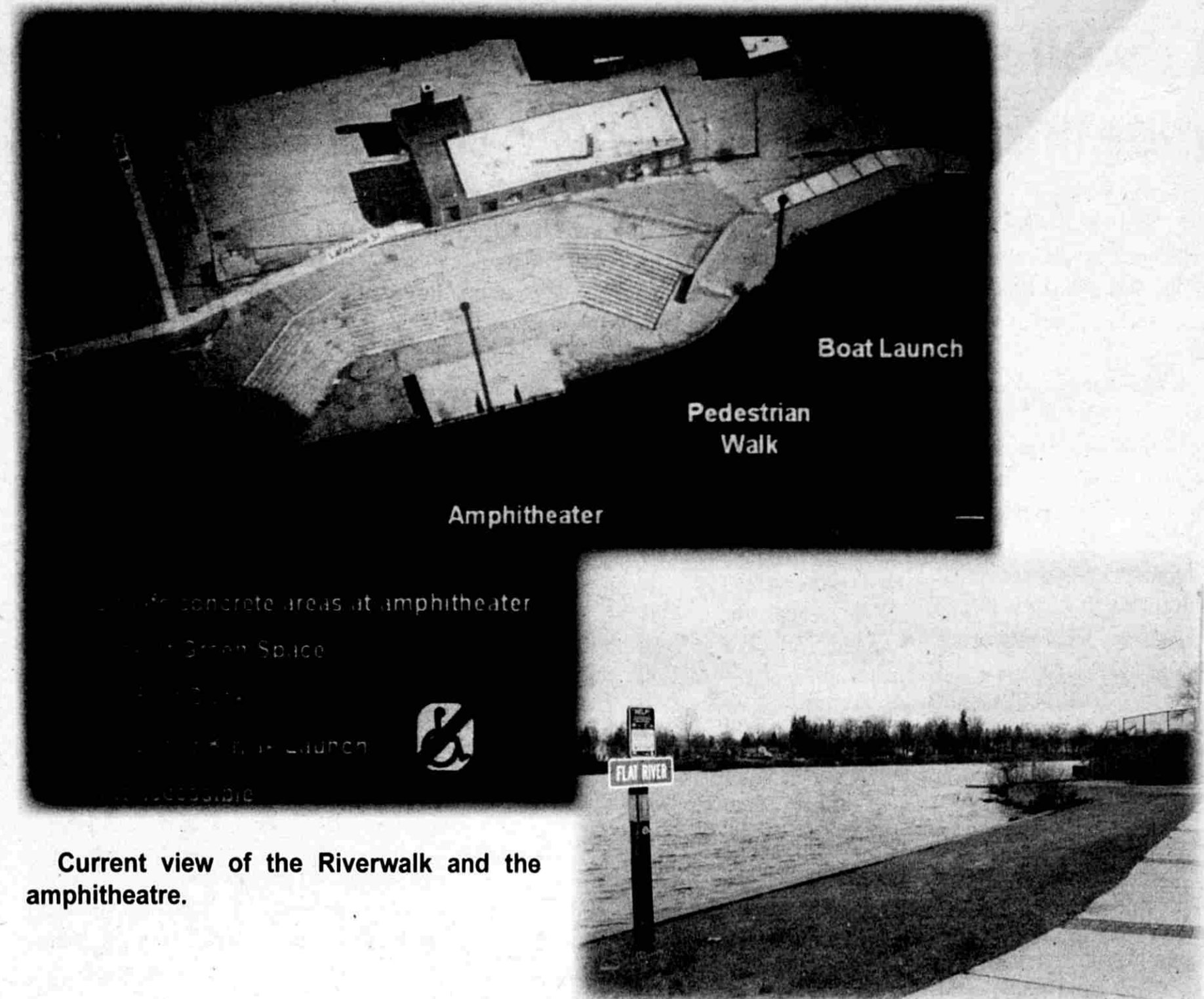
"We are only enhancing the area by improving walkability and water improvements," he said. "This provides us with a strong application."

The MDNR staff will review the application in the summer, do a site visit and make a final recommendation to the trust fund in November.

If funding is approved, the city will be notified also in November. The MDNR gives the final approval in December and the project can start next year, in the spring, at the earliest.

In other business, the city will act as signatory for the Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA) first phase project slated to start in May. Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds provided \$273,317 to the \$933,800 project. The bids will go out at the beginning of April.

"This is the last step," said Austin.



Current view of the Riverwalk and the amphitheatre.

City extends lease to the Lowell Area Historical Museum

by Emma Palova
The Lowell City Council extended the lease of the Lowell Area Historical

Museum building, located at the corner of Hudson and Main Street, by another 10 years.

The museum leases the building from the city for a nominal rent of \$1 per year annually.

Over the last 10 years, the museum invested \$150,000 into the building and continues to invest. The museum pays for the operating expenses, while the city pays for the insurance of the building. But, the inside of the building is insured by the museum.

"The building has been transformed magnificently," said mayor Jim Hodges. "It is in a very visible location and there is still upstairs to do."

Hodges, who came to the city of Lowell as YMCA

director more than 20 years ago, said it was just a bare building at that time. It housed the YMCA.

And even though the utility bills continue to rise, the benefit of the museum for the community is visible in many different ways.

Mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison asked about the museum millage, which will be up for renewal in 2013. The quarter of a mill levied generates \$20,000 to

\$23,000 for the operating expenses of the museum.

"You cannot put a price on educating students,"

Museum lease, continued, page 9



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The 2011-12 Budget will be reviewed, and questions and comments on any topic will be discussed.

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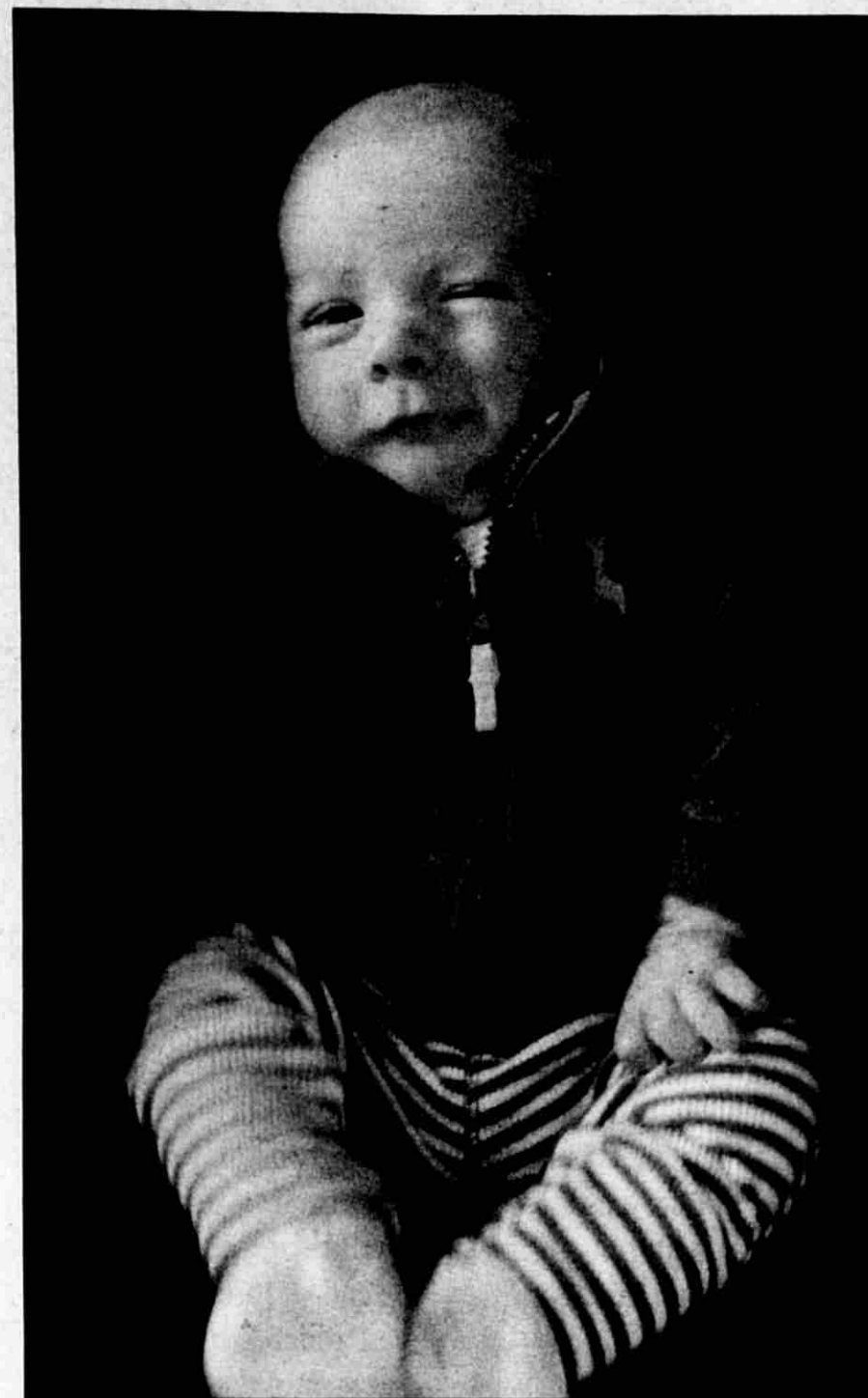
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area births

Pullen



Colton Patrick Pullen

Sean and Amber Pullen weighing 4 lbs. 11 oz. and of Lowell are proud to measuring 19 inches. announce the birth of their Grandparents are Pat son, Colton Patrick. He was and Char Pullen and Randy born December 1, 2010 and Sue VanSpronsen.

college news

Rebecca DeLiefde, Andrew Gerig and Benjamin Gerig, all of Lowell, have been placed on the 2010 fall semester dean's list at Bethel College in Mishawaka, IN. Eligibility for the dean's list requires a 3.50 GPA with 12 or more semester hours.

happy birthday!

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Frozen Shoulder

Frozen shoulder, also known as adhesive capsulitis, is a very common condition seen in the family doctors' office. It is more frequent in women and usually is seen in people over the age of 40.

The shoulder joint has the largest range of motion of any joint in our body. Frozen shoulder is due to inflammation of the muscles or tendons of the rotator cuff. This causes pain with shoulder movement, especially at the limits of normal range of motion. Symptoms tend to develop over a period of time with gradual onset of stiffness and decreasing range of motion. Many people with frozen shoulder will experience pain while lying on the affected side at night.

Adhesive capsulitis is diagnosed by obtaining a history and performing a shoulder exam. Your doctor will put the shoulder through various range of motion tests. An x-ray or MRI may be ordered to determine if a rotator cuff tear has occurred. Treatment of frozen shoulder consists of taking nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications and performing range of motion exercises. Physical therapy is usually recommended. Sometimes your doctor will inject cortisone into the shoulder joint to reduce inflammation. It may take several months of therapy and exercise to fully recover from adhesive capsulitis. Occasionally, surgery is required to achieve full recovery.



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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Do some spring cleaning on your (financial) house

It's spring — time to clean out the gutters, tune up the lawnmower and wash down the windows. But as you attend to these types of tasks around your home, why not take the time to do some financial "spring cleaning" as well?

Specifically, consider these moves:

- "Dust off" your investment strategy.

Levin, continued

During my visit to Afghanistan in January, I saw how the Afghan people have growing confidence in the ability of Afghan and coalition forces to provide security. In former Taliban strongholds in Helmand and Kandahar provinces, the Afghan people are returning to villages and communities and starting to rebuild their lives. Joint operations are increasingly Afghan-led in their planning and execution.

As the Afghan people see their own forces providing ongoing protection after the Taliban are cleared out, Afghan confidence in the army and police grows. The growing support of the Afghan people for their security forces will make the transition to an Afghan security lead more achievable in the short-term and sustainable over time. Certainly challenges lie ahead. General Petraeus told us he expects a Taliban spring offensive, and Defense Secretary Robert Gates has warned that this spring's fighting season will be "the

After all, since you initially designed your investment strategy — that is, the total amount you invest, the percentages going into "growth" and "income" vehicles, the dollars going into taxable versus tax-deferred accounts and so on — many things may have changed for you, such as your employment situation, the number of children in your household and even your long-term goals. Consequently, you may need to revise your investment strategy in consultation with your financial advisor.

"De-clutter" your portfolio. The chances are pretty good that if you look around your house, you'll find many things that are actually duplicates, such as those five coffeemakers you've accumulated over the years — so you decide to "purge" a few. And when you take a close look at your portfolio, you might find several investments that you've added over time and that are similar to each other. If that's the case, you might help yourself by selling the "redundant" investments and using the proceeds to buy different ones that can help you diversify your portfolio. (Keep in mind that while diversification can help reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio,

it can't guarantee gains or prevent losses.)

Prepare yourself for stormy weather. During springtime, we often experience heavy rains, hailstorms, high winds and other types of inclement weather. That's why we keep our roofs in good shape, keep branches away from our homes and take other steps to protect our houses and property from the ravages of Mother Nature. You and your family could go through some rough "weather" too, during the course of your lives, so you'll want to make sure you have sufficient protection in the form of adequate life and disability insurance. Review your coverage to make sure it's still adequate for your needs.

By doing some financial spring cleaning, you may find that you've swept away some of the obstacles to helping achieve your goals. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of March 14, 2011

Reports

- Superintendent Pratt provided a budget report

Action Items

- Approval of Kent Intermediate School District election resolution, designating Jim Turner, who will cast a vote on behalf of the Board for incumbents Andrea Haidle and Claudia Bajema to be placed on a Board agenda between May 16, 2011 and June 3, 2011
- Approval of Second Reading of Proposed New/ Revised/ Replacement Policies

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes for the February 14, 2011 Regular Meeting; February 22, 2011 Board Policy Ad-Hoc Committee, February 28, 2011 Special Meeting; February 28, 2011 Closed Session; February 28, 2011 Board Work Session Minutes; March 10, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes, and March 10, 2011 Closed Session Minutes.
- The following payment of bills for February, 2011:

1. GENERAL FUND.....	\$613,270.80
2. SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund.....	\$77,866.01
3. TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....	\$59,965.64
4. DEBT FUNDS.....	\$782.00
5. 2007 CONSTRUCTION FUNDS.....	\$15,908.30
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$767,792.75

- 2011/2012 Schools of Choice Resolution
- Approval of Instructional Out-of-State Student Trip to Shedd's Aquarium and Museum of Science & Industry: Chicago, Illinois - May 13, 2011 (Lowell High School - Tim Antel, Katie Hatchett, Heather DeJonge, Trish Miller, Tammy Coleman, Nicole Bosco)

Budget Update

Mr. Zielinski summarized the budget status reports for the month of February. Mr. Zielinski anticipates specific details on the school aid fund will become available from the Governor's office in April. Mr. Zielinski stated that he will keep the Board informed as he builds budget projections for the 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 school years.

Curriculum Update

Mr. Bearup reported that work is complete on the School Process Rubrics (Education Yes!) and the report has been transmitted to the Department of Education. Mr. Bearup stated that school improvement teams have been working on building level plans, data analysis, and goal planning for the 2011/2012 school year. He added that a school improvement meeting is scheduled to look at the district school process rubrics, analyze recent data, and work on common core state standards.

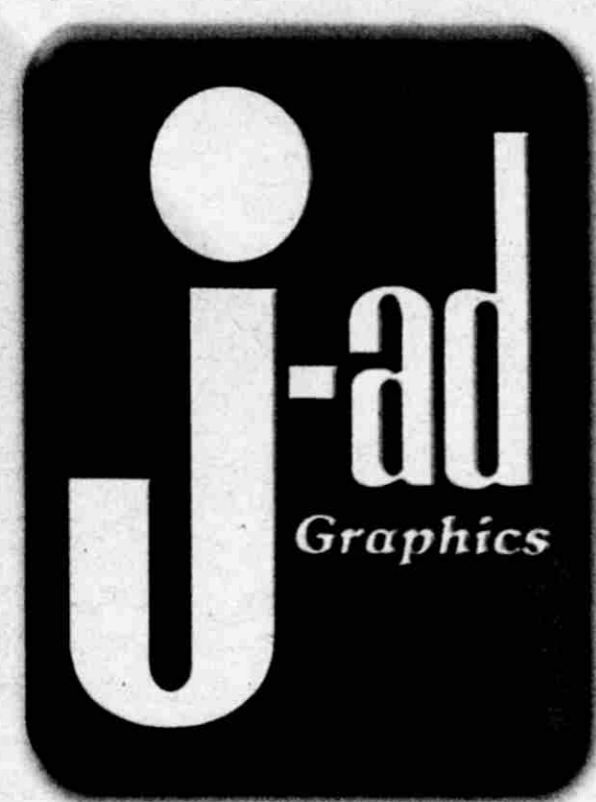
Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pratt acknowledged the athletic department staff and student athletes for working hard on academics and in athletic competitions during the winter sports season. Superintendent Pratt announced that the Sound of Music performance was a fabulous event and congratulated the students and staff for showcasing their talents and providing a high energy show. Superintendent Pratt commended the color guard team for receiving awards and for a successful competition. Superintendent Pratt thanked the staff for promoting "March is Reading Month" and for inviting himself and many administrators to read their favorite book to students. Superintendent Pratt was complimentary of the efforts on behalf of high school staff to administer the ACT, MME, and provide academic opportunities for other students during the testing period. Superintendent Pratt reported that the middle school staff has been hard at work examining data and instructional initiatives for academic achievement.

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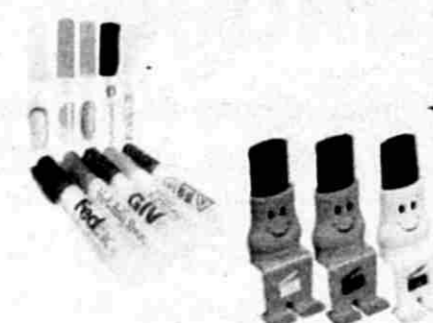
- Mr. Blough congratulated the FFA team who received accolades in Lansing including two silver awards, one gold award, and numerous others. Lowell had three leadership teams in participation. Mr. Blough informed the Board that a 2010 Lowell graduate has been elected to the State Board. Mr. Blough thanked Mr. Kevin Nugent, the team advisor and high school teacher, for a job well done.
- Mrs. Hopkins expressed appreciation to Mr. Bearup for keeping the Board apprised of the curricular work taking place and the many district instructional initiatives moving forward in the midst of the budget challenges faced by the district. She added that, as a Board, it is important to be assured that the business of education is forging ahead. Mrs. Hopkins thanked Superintendent Pratt, Mr. Bearup and Mr. Zielinski for summarizing the complex budget information so that the Board can understand the impact of potential cuts. Mrs. Hopkins urged parents and community to contact Superintendent Pratt or Mr. Zielinski with questions and encouraged them to contact legislators in Lansing to stop the raid on the school aid fund.
- Mr. Nugent expressed appreciation to Superintendent Pratt for the informative budget presentation. Mr. Nugent stated that the Board held a retreat on Saturday and spent a considerable amount of time examining the budget. He added that the Board has engaged in in-depth discussion regarding budget cuts and the best use of tax payer dollars and to carry out the mission of educating all students.
- President Lessens commented that the Board has been very busy, and noted that it is an honor to represent the citizens of Lowell.

Board of Education Work Session
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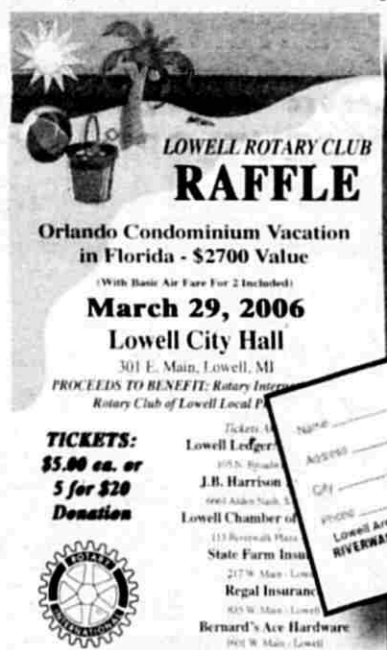
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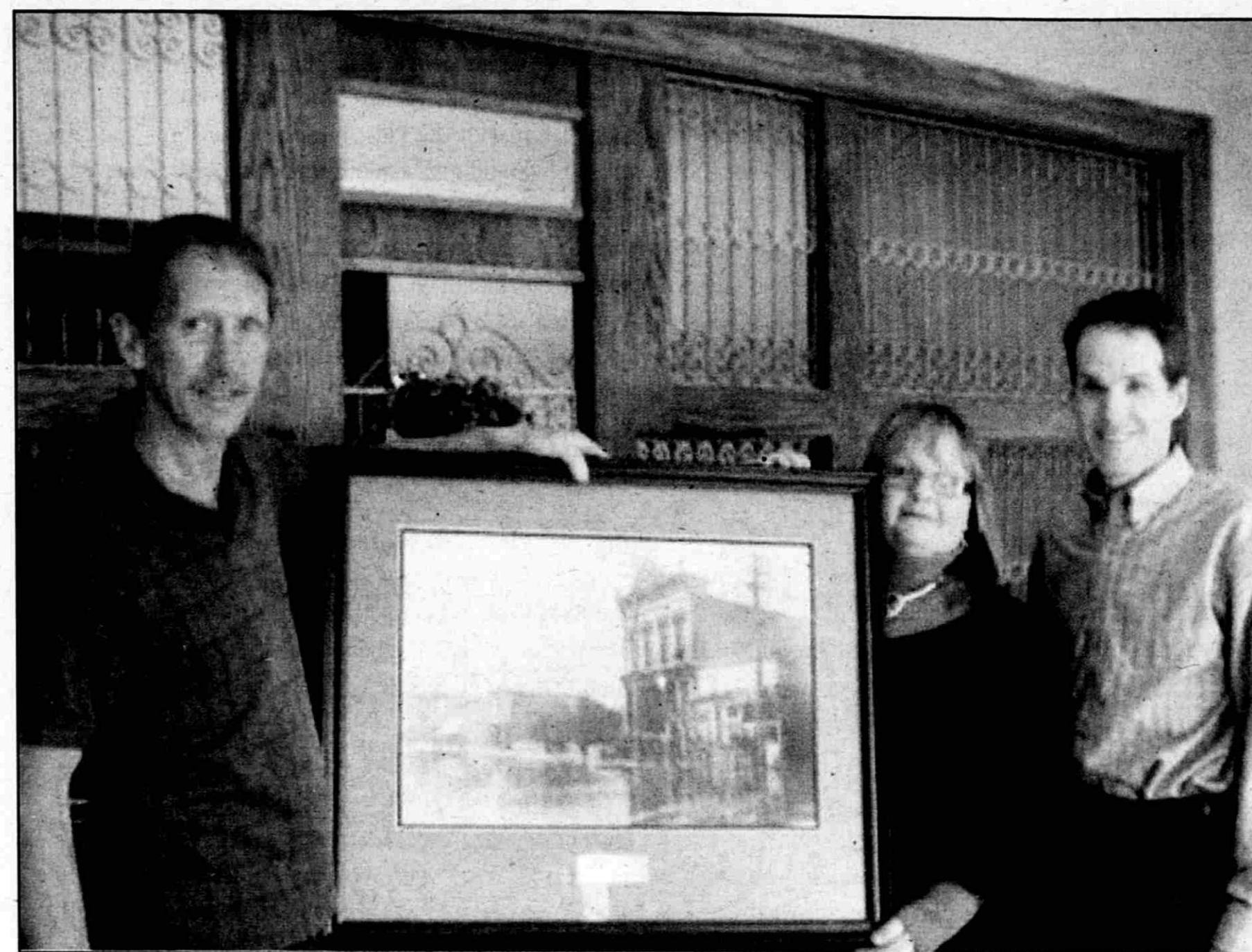
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LAHM Presents historical photo to Canfields

The Lowell Area Historical Museum (LAHM) presented a framed photo of historic Main Street to Greg and Deb Canfield. The photo is from the 1904 flood and shows the historic building that is now the Main Street Inn. The photo is one of several thousand photos in the museum's archives. Canfield saw the photo, at the 2010 Lowell Expo, when it was on display in the museum's booth. He then called the museum and requested a copy and the museum gave him the picture. "We presented this gift to show our appreciation for the investment Greg and Deb have made in Lowell's history. Saving the three

buildings that are now the Main Street Inn will continue to make an impact on the preservation of our downtown and encourage economic development in the future. We hope that everyone that visits the Main Street Inn will appreciate this historic site, while enjoying the present in this gorgeous new facility," said museum director Pat Allchin. Both of the Canfields have lived all their lives in the Lowell area. Their plumbing and heating business has been a part of the Lowell business community for 17 years. Allchin added, "We are glad that their interest in preserving Lowell's

history permitted them the opportunity to start this new business. Owing an inn wasn't in the plans when they started campaigning to save the buildings, but it became the answer along the way. The Inn has turned into a great attraction and a true asset to the Lowell community."



Pat Allchin, center and Jim Doyle present the historic photo to Greg Canfield.

Museum lease, continued

said museum director Pat Allchin.

The museum plans to invest a minimum of \$10,000 over the next period of the lease. Among the many improvements, a bathroom has been put downstairs and the Lowell residents can enjoy the beautiful Victorian garden.

"It's just a huge asset," said councilwoman Maryalene LaPonsie.

The building was a library and the museum is a perfect use for the building, according to Ellison. The building, also known as the Graham Building, was built in 1873.

Each year, the museum offers a multitude of programs for students and adults, including school tours, traveling exhibits, special exhibits, genealogical research, oral history interviews and networks with Tri Rivers Museum Network.

This is made possible by volunteers, donations of artifacts, and dedicated staff.

LUNCH MENU ELEMANTARY MENU Week of March 28, 2011

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

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

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

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

Michigan Townships Association offers scholarship to future local leaders

The Robert R. Robinson Scholarship, awarded annually by the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), seeks to offer financial assistance to students aspiring to leadership roles in their community.

The scholarship is designed to help Michigan students who are preparing for a career in public administration. Applicants must be a junior, senior or graduate student in a Michigan college or university.

The scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis and applicants are considered on several factors, including

academic achievement, community involvement and commitment to local government administration. Requirements include a letter of recommendation from a professor or instructor; a copy of a resolution of support from an MTA member township board in good standing;

and a short essay on an important issue facing local government. All applications are due by May 31, 2011. More information is available online at www.michigantownships.org/rrschol.asp or contact MTA at (517) 321-6467.

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LHS winter guard wraps up the season

Lowell High School hosted winter guard, Exit 52 and Almost Home, competition "Sights & Sounds of Winter." The bleachers were packed throughout the entire competition.

Exit 52 took a third place, finishing only 3.7 points out of first, with a spectacular performance.

Almost Home took first place 10.2 points above their closest competitor.

On Sunday, both guard units competed in another competition in Muskegon with Exit 52 receiving second place and Almost Home receiving another first place finish.

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO LOWELL DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLANS FOR DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Lowell, pursuant to and in accordance with the Downtown Development Authority Act, Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1975, as amended ("Act 197"), will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 4, 2011, beginning at 7:30 p.m., local time, at the City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City.

The public hearing will be held to consider whether the City Council shall, pursuant to Act 197, approve the Third Amendment to Lowell Downtown Development Authority and Tax Increment Financing Plans (the "Third Amendment") to extend the period for completion of projects included in the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plans, as may in the future be further amended to include additional projects, to June 30, 2033, and to extend the period in which tax increment revenues are captured and used for such projects to December 31, 2033.

The Third Amendment is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk located at the City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

At the public hearing all interested persons will be heard and all aspects of the Third Amendment will be open for discussion.

Betty R. Morlock City Clerk



Red Arrow SPORT

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.

What is your hockey background?

TB:I've been playing hockey since I was three years old in the Detroit area. Youth hockey, high school, I went to Cabrini High School in Allen Park. I fell in love with the game on my own, basically. I had no family members that played. I've played in several men's hockey leagues and I referee in leagues, which led into coaching. Others played a part in helping me get started coaching, something I've done for over 15 years.

Did you have a part in starting the Lowell/Caledonia team?

TB:No, I believe it was Jim Blair who started the program, 10 or 11 years ago, combining Lowell with Caledonia. Through Blair it went from a club team to a school varsity sport. I got involved with the program about four years ago helping with practices. We'd practice at Patterson Arena and held practices at 5 am, three times a week, so you quickly found out who the dedicated kids were. Mike Ballard stepped down and I had an opportunity to apply for the head position and I got it.

Since you started, what obstacles did you have to overcome?

TB:The biggest is the development of hockey players. Most our kids come from our JV (junior varsity) program. Starting them young is key to developing quality players. Our JV program is our feeder program. We don't get much from the travel ranks.

How long have you been coaching at Lowell/Caledonia and what brought you here?

TB:Four years as an assistant coach. This year was my first as head coach. I still coach some and play in some travel hockey. I'm having fun staying local. It is more enjoyable for me at this point in my life. I like the new opportunity. I live in Lowell, love the community and want the kids to succeed in our communities. Some of the kids I'd coached helped me get to where I am today. There are four kids I coach today that have played for me since they were 10 years-old.

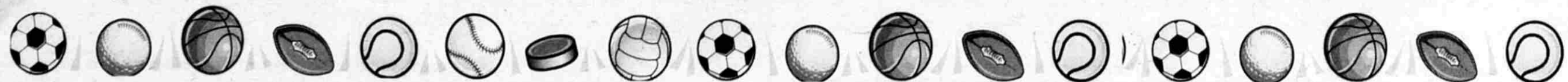
Where did you grow up? What sports did you play?

TB:Detroit, I mean I lived right in the city. I was fortunate to get out and get a Catholic education through Cabrini Catholic High School in Allen Park. I played football. My dad played a lot of football. I played hockey and wanted to play baseball, but I could never hit a ball. I had to stop playing football after my junior year of high school and after a couple surgeries. Doctors suggested I pick one sport, so I decided to stick with hockey.

A good hockey player plays where the puck is. A great hockey player plays where the puck is going to be.

- Wayne Gretzky (1961 -)

What's Your Sport?



Keep Caught Up On All The Lowell High School's Sports Action In The Lowell Ledger

This Week - Tim "Buck" Beurer

Lowell/Caledonia Varsity Hockey Head Coach

Did you have a mentor growing up?

Who and what interested you about coaching hockey?

TB:Interesting, I've had a lot of coaches through the years and I've taken a lot (and learned from many) coaches. I can't really say one in particular, but many things from many people. I got into coaching because I was able to stay involved in the game. Coaching allows me to have fun with the kids, build relationships and give back. The game was good to me, so I should give something back to the game.

How has the game changed since you were growing up?

TB:Time involved is the same, but kids have many more opportunities. Many other things today. Kids today have a lot more going. Discipline is an issue these days. Many kids don't know the word "no." So I like to help them in life as well. It's good for kids to play multiple sports and I support kids playing multiple sports. It helps keep them balanced. Playing sports should be a privilege and you have to stress education first.

Any pregame rituals? Any superstitions?

TB:No, besides pregame talks to they team, the only thing I may do at home games is play the national anthem. Not all schools do. When playing the national anthem, I focus on the stars of the flag. I will look to the sky and thank the troops, for allowing me to do the things I'm able to do and the life I'm able to lead, because of all they've done for our freedom.

What can kids do to get involved with your program? How can they excel?

TB:Hockey is tough because of the cost. Many youth programs have learn to play programs that are less costly. Not every kid is able to skate, so they need to work on skating and you need to spend time at that. I'd love to have more kids. As kids get older in high school, they play with our JV program. Different than most, our JV program can actually consist of seventh and eighth-grade students, as well as freshman, sophomores and juniors. If we have seventh and eighth-grade kids interested, we make sure it's a good and safe fit for everyone first. We want to make sure they can physically take care of each other. Our teams skate and practice out at East Kentwood. Go to our website www.eteamz.com/LC-Hockey.

Do you follow March Madness? Any predictions?

TB:A little, I filled out a bracket. Only took me about three minutes to fill out. I have Ohio State winning. It pains me to say since I'm a U of M fan. I spend a lot of time watching Michigan hockey and Red Wings hockey.

Do you have family?

TB:I live by myself in Lowell. I have a brother in Dearborn Heights; a sister in the Air Force, stationed in Maryland; and my mom who lives with her.

Anything else you'd like people to know?

TB:Be supportive through games and practices. Get people out to games and support the team. Players love to play in a full barn. Have a lot of fun. These two communities support and help a lot and we really appreciate it. I love to support my players in their other sports. Continue sports. Our program is only funded by parents' dollars, donations and fundraisers.

We do a lot of fundraising. We've had kids organize many of them on their own. They take it upon themselves to generate the money with car drives, dinners, water sales, car washes and more. We encourage kids to do it because it teaches them to work and earn it. So, we are always looking for new ideas.

Lowell High School Honor Roll

Lowell High School honor roll for the second trimester 2010-11 school year

GPA must be a 3.000 or higher to qualify and is based on final grades

9TH GRADE

- Isobel Alberts
- Kelvin Anderson
- Sidney Anderson
- Shelby Antel
- Kiersten Ashenbrenner
- Lauren Baker
- Elijah Barr
- Zachary Bauman
- Kortney Beachler
- Joshua Bearup
- Connor Bergin
- Austin Bieri
- Benjamin Bigham
- Kyler Bishop
- Ashley Bitely
- Kaeziah Bladey
- Michael Blake
- Lauren Blanchard
- Brie Blattner
- Emmalee Blough
- Kristine Bobko
- Alexia Bocskey
- Christopher Bodus
- Benjamin Boogaard
- Hayleigh Borton
- Brittany Branagan
- Tristen Bray
- Isaac Brenner
- Randal Brinks
- Travis Brubaker
- Monica Bussell
- Richard Cadwallader
- Casey Cahoon
- Katherine Canfield
- Taylor Carey
- Blythe Carvajal
- Makela Chapman
- Sarah Chappel
- Adam Charron
- Levi Churches
- Abigail Cummings
- Abigail Cummings
- Jason Cupp
- Alyssa Darby
- Kayleigh Davies
- Justin Davis
- Bethany Dean
- Kanon Dean
- Luke DeBoer
- Kaelobb Decker
- Samantha Deiss
- Kevin DeKraker
- Ryan DenBraven
- Alexander Dlouhy
- Allysen Dubisky
- Erin Duma
- Isaac Duma
- Hunter Engels
- Haley Epema
- Max Everhart
- Madeline Falkenstern
- Hannah Fitzpatrick
- Caleb Flentje
- Cassandra Flier
- Zachary Fotis
- Sydney Fox
- Makenzie Frederickson
- Morgan Fuller
- Mallory Gallivan
- Jacob Garcia
- Tyler Garter
- Garrett Gordon
- Jessica Graves
- Michelle Griffioen
- Morgan Groendyke

- Parker Groom
- Kathryn Haan
- Scott Haehnel
- Paige Hale
- Christopher Halstead
- Taylor Harris
- Charlotte Hayden
- Brittney Heikkila
- Nicholas Hess
- Madison Holmes
- Jeffrey Houston
- Grace Inda
- Bailey Jack
- Zachary Jahneke
- Alex Kaminski
- Elijah Kargl
- Zachary Kaywood
- Jordan Kazen
- Liam Kelley
- Luke Kloosterman
- Alexander Kornoelje
- Derek Krajewski
- Mallory Kramer
- Austin Krebill
- Daylore Kurzhals
- Colleen Lally
- Brianna Landheer
- Joshua Larson
- Tristan Larson
- Matthew Lazar
- Ryan Lubbers
- Vanessa Lubitz
- Spencer Lyon
- Jordan Lytle
- Catherine Majniska
- Brittany Martin
- Alyssa McCormick
- Kennedy McCready
- Paige McKenna
- Catherine McNaughton
- Heaven McQueen
- Joshua Menzel
- Andrew Mettermick
- Carl Mitchell
- Kaelyn Moseler
- Kelsey Mullin
- Sarah Murray
- Jacob North
- Sarah Oesch
- Emily Paffhausen
- Mallory Paiz
- Morgan Perkins
- Paige Perry
- Benjamin Peterson
- Chase Peterson
- Grant Peterson
- Abby Petroelje
- Steven Petrovich
- Rachel Phelps
- Tonya Phillips
- Christopher Platz
- Jacob Plunkett
- Meghan Plutschow
- Jacob Poll
- Keaton Pomper
- Nicholas Price
- Nicholas Proefke
- Ashley Putney
- Matthew Reitsma
- Sean Ritsema
- Bailey Roberts
- Paige Rozell
- Samantha Sage
- Jenna Saunders
- Brett Senneker
- Brandi Shelley
- Austin Sherrill
- Kyler Shurlow
- Jackson Simmons
- Austin Sirowatka
- Christian Sirowatka
- McKenzie Slupe
- Julia Smelt
- Karah Smith

- Michelle Smith
- Joseph Smith
- Tyler Smoes
- Kourtney Spaulding
- Cassandra Speck
- Madison Stadt
- Danielle Starkey
- Michelle Starkey
- Hailey Stasiak
- Aubreigh Steed
- Garrett Stehley
- Jacob Stephens
- Brandon Strzyzewski
- Quinn Summerfield
- Jacob Sweet
- Trevor Taylor
- Joshua Theisen
- Alexandra Tremblay
- Marc VandenBerg
- Evelyn VanTil
- Rachael Walters
- Ryan Walters
- Jeremiah Wenger
- Madelynn Willemstein
- Rachel Wittenbach
- Kaylee Wold
- Alexander Woodman
- Jonathan Wyckoff
- Katelyn Yuhas
- 10TH GRADE
- Aaron Anderson
- Sabrina Antcliff
- Timothy Antel
- Micah Babcock
- Michael Bachmann
- Alanna Bancroft
- McKensie Barnes
- Justin Barrett
- Amy Bartkus
- Perry Bencker
- Jorie Bennett-Walsweer
- Paige Berends
- Rebekah Betts
- Cody Bieri
- Corryn Bieri
- Kevin Blanchard
- Kyle Bowers
- Skylar Bowne
- Kaeleb Brown
- Haley Buck
- Sawyer Buck
- Mikayla Burke
- Hannah Burt
- Kristina Carter
- Hyeon Jin Cho
- Paige Coble
- Jacob Collins
- Scott Collins
- Alejandro Cortes
- Daniel Cowden
- Zachary Crawford
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- Nicole Cummings
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- Zachary Dawson
- Emily Dec
- Michael DeGlopper
- Molly Denison
- Heather Dimmick
- Kennedy Dodde
- Justin Doll
- Jack Dues
- Daniel Dyer
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- Licia Feuerstein
- Collin Finkhouse
- Kristin Fisher
- Abigail Flentje
- Carissa Flier
- Christina Folkersma
- Michelle Foote

- Jonathan Fox
- Joseph Gauck
- Zachary Gibas
- Gabrielle Gibbs
- Nathaniel Gomez
- Zachary Graves
- Hannah Green
- Madison Hacker
- Bailey Haefner
- Anthony Hanson
- Taylor Harrison
- Lukas Henderson
- Matthew Hess
- Joshua Hewitt
- Cory Heykoop
- Brianna Higgins
- Marissa Hills
- Alexandra Hinton
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- Johnathon Mark
- Luke Marks
- Chad Martin
- Shannon Massey
- Nicholas McCormick
- Keaton McGregor
- Alexander McIntire
- Breana McKendrick
- Martin McVey
- Emily Milstead
- Jessica Montgomery
- Aaron Morris
- Foster Nethercott
- Samantha Newell
- Mattie Newman
- Alexis Noonon
- Doug Nordman
- Grant Noskey
- Danielle Ordway
- Audrey Pearson
- Megan Perkins
- Emily Peterson
- Nicole Platz
- Andrew Potter
- Tyler Prill
- Hunter Race
- Audrey Rasch
- Louis Raymond
- Alexis Rife
- Austin Rix
- Abigail Rogalke
- Rebecka Roth
- Tyler Roth
- Kristin Russell
- Mark Russo
- Leah Geldersma
- Emily Schreur
- Justin Scott
- Siyi Shen
- Nichole Slupe

- Julie Smith
- Maxwell Spoelstra
- Brianna Steiner
- Hope Stepek
- Raechel Stougaard
- Kyle Stubbins
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- Taylor Vanderhorst
- Scott VanOosten
- Lars Wachter
- Erin Wade
- Brad Walling
- Pierce Watson
- Tori Watson
- Lauren Weaver
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- Jenna Wilder
- Brice Wingarter
- Maggie Wissman
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- Jorge Mexicano
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- Matthew Charrouf
- Caitlin Clover
- James Collins
- Lindsey Crawford
- Gabriel Dean
- Moriah Dee
- Quincee Denault
- Aleesha DenBraven
- Karis Dilly
- Nora Donahue
- Justin Douma
- Elizabeth Downing
- Jordan Drake
- Laura Droog
- Ryan Durkee
- Jordan Ervin-Wakefield
- Kaitlin Fisher
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- Jeffrey Rininger
- Gloria Rivera
- Alec Roerig
- Kyle Rogers
- Randall Roth
- Anna Rozema
- Joseph Senneker

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obituaries

BAUGHN

William E. Baughn (Earl), age 57, passed away peacefully at his home in the Philippines on Tuesday, March 15, 2011.

MOORE

Robert Lee Moore, age 46, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, March 16, 2011.



He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. Rev. Rommie Moore. He is survived by his wife, Danielle; stepson, Trevor Cornish; mother, Dr. Ellen Moore; brother, Dr. Ronald (Margit) Moore; sister, Mary (David) Versluis; the Jim and Kathy O'Dette family; also, many nieces; nephews; and good friends.

SEIF

Mr. Timothy Seif, age 56, passed away very unexpectedly on Thursday, March 17, 2011. He grew up on the family farm and once school was over, he returned home to help on the farm.

TARTE

Elizabeth (Bette) Ann Tarte, aged 92, of Grand Rapids, passed away Friday, March 18, 2011. She was born in Port Huron on August 20, 1918 and moved to Grand Rapids in 1947.

puzzle solutions

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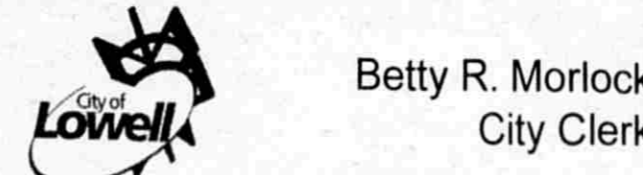
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CITY OF LOWELL RESIDENTS ONLY YARD WASTE PICKUP SCHEDULE FOR SPRING AND SUMMER 2011

Table with 2 columns: Date (April 7th, May 5th, June 3rd, July 14th, August 11th, September 9th) and Description (21st, 19th, 30th, 28th, 25th, 22nd).

Yard waste pickup is always on Thursday, unless there is a holiday that week, and then pickup day will be Friday.

*PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES ARE A FRIDAY PICKUP DUE TO A HOLIDAY DURING THE WEEK. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall (897-8457).



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KENNETH R. KROPP

9/10/46 - 3/24/01 Beloved Father and Grandpa Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.



Sadly missed by Chris, Kim, Emily, Kenny, Mike, Sara, Scott, Adia, Addison and Chase

BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2011 7:30 P.M.

There will be a meeting of the Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, March 31, 2011 in the Bowne Township Historic Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI to hear the following request for variance -

Susan Daniels/Marilyn Schutte Trust request a variance of Section 6.05 (lot area, rear setback, possibly side setbacks, possibly lot width) in multiple locations on the submitted drawing and from Section 4.08 (side setbacks required for non-residential structures in the R-1 District) Parcel #41-24-17-100-005 - 7860 Morse Lake Avenue.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Bowne Township Office from 9-12 and 1-3 on Wednesday and Thursday or 9-12 noon on Friday. Public comments will be heard at the meeting.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk March 4, 2011

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help wanted

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sales

ANTIQUE SHOW - March 26 & 27, Barry County Fairground, located just 20 miles south of Grand Rapids, take M-37 south from M-6 past Middleview. Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun., 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$3 adm.

Community Calendar

- PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. GRIEF - NEW MEMBER MEETING - Call the clubhouse to schedule your introductory meeting for grief support groups. FREE ADDICTIONS PROGRAM - every Friday, 7 p.m. at Bible Believers Church, 404 N. Hudson St., Lowell. MOTHERS WHO HAVE OR HAD - sons/daughters serving in the military. PAJAMA STORYTIME - March 23, April 27 & May 25, 6:30 p.m. FOOD PANTRY - at Lakeside Community Church, 6201 Whitneyville Rd. FREE FROZEN, PERISHABLE FOOD. MOMS IN TOUCH INTERNATIONAL - Thursdays 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Friendship Country Chapel, 10200 Grand River Ave. KENT COUNTY WARFE GROUP - for retired & current federal employees meet the 2nd Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton, 1/2 mile west of E. Beltline. CANCER - KIDS & TWEEN TALK GROUP - First & third Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m. GRIEF - ADULT GROUP - Each Tuesday, 2-3 p.m. & second & fourth Tuesdays 5:30 - 7 p.m. RHYME TIME MUSIC & MOVEMENT - Fridays, May 6 - May 27, 11 a.m. Move & groove together with action rhymes, songs, games & hands-on musical activities

LHS Honor Roll, continued

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| Madeline Simmons | Jonathan Bassin | Connor Duiven |
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| Jenna Smith | Blake Bergy | Jason DuVerney |
| Kelsey Smith | Montana Bergy | Devyn Earls |
| Kendall Solon | Corey Bilski | Andrea Elmer |
| Melissa Southwell | Tyler Bitterman | Taryn Endres |
| Jacob Stehley | Daniel Blake | Heather Ferris |
| Lucas Stephens | Audrey Blodger | Aaron Fetzer |
| Stephanie Stevens | Sarah Bocskey | Alexander Finch |
| Shelby Strah | Griffin Brenk | Ellen Fitzpatrick |
| Joseph Sweet | Treasure Bristol | Taylor Flanagan |
| Alexa Szura | Amber Brown | Daniel Fleet |
| Haley Talcott | Caitlin Brown | Braydon Foley |
| Yanni Tapia | Michael Brown | Maxwell Forton |
| Hannah Tawney | Ashleigh Buckius | Lee Franklin |
| Skye Thebo | Chase Bueche | Marcus Fron |
| Felicia Thompson | Whitney Bunn | Hannah Geelhoed |
| Jordan Timmer | Noah Burt | Nicholas Getz |
| Madeline Tome | Jill Callihan | Melissa Gramsan |
| Chase Treglia | Bradley Canfield | Kimberly Green |
| Catherine Tremblay | Benjamin Carlson | Justin Hall |
| Allyson VanTil | MacKenzie Carlson | Gabrielle Hause |
| William Velting | Mia Carvajal | Blake Hayes |
| Katelyn Videto | Jodi Carvill | Andrea Herrera |
| Amanda Vietzke | Rebecca Chamberlain | Andrew Heshner |
| Alexandra Wabeke | Derek Chopp | Spenser Hewett |
| Mackenzie Whaley | Emily Churches | Kendall Hewitt |
| Samuel Whaley | Cameron Clark | Martin Hewitt |
| Rachel White | Ericka Claypool | Karianna Hill |
| Jake Will | Chelsea Comdure | Kallie Holzhueter |
| Amanda Willson | Kason Cook | Claire Hopkins |
| Kelsey Wittenbach | Alexandria Cowden | Matthew Houston |
| Jeremy Wodarek | Timothy Creighton | Craig Huber |
| Kelsey Wold | Nicholas Crook | Adam Hubert |
| Kasey Woodhead | Dayna Crumback | Jalen Humphreys |
| Ryan Woodhead | Brooke Curtis | Erik Ingebreton |
| Hunter Zuk | Sarah Cyrocki | Miah Jackson |
| | Joshua Depew | Krysta Jankowski |
| | Jone Destine | Stevie Jarecki |
| | Brittney DeWitt | Emily Jelsma |
| | Marie Dollar | Jillian Johnson |
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| Maggie Lancaster | Erica Walendzik | Samantha Woody |
| Justin Lehman | Tyler Wallner | Allison Wosinski |
| Jessica Lewis | Kelsey Ward | Molly Wright |
| Jasmine Lillie | Brianne Warren | Kelly Wyckoff |
| Bryleigh Loughlin | Brandy Washburn | Allison Young |
| Asher Maliepaard | Leighton Watson | Samuel Young |
| Taylor Mankel | Katherine Weaver | Scott Zalis |
| Brady Maughan | Jacob Weeks | Christine Zvirzdisin |



MARCH 16 - MARCH 22

- A Wisconsin judge issues a temporary restraining order halting the State's controversial budget repair law that curbs the union power of most public employees.
- The House of Representatives passes legislation that will bar federal funding for national public radio.
- Libya - Muammar Gaddafi vows a "long war" as allied forces launch a second night of strikes on Libya and jubilant rebels, who only a day before were in danger of being crushed by his forces, now boast they would bring him down. The U.S. military said the international assault would hit any Gaddafi forces on the ground that are attacking opposition.
- AT&T Inc. says it will buy T-Mobile USA from Deutsche Teleckom in a cash-and-stock deal, valued at \$39 billion, that will make it the largest wireless provider in the U.S.
- Former Secretary of State Warren Christopher dies from complications of kidney and bladder cancer, he was 85. He was chief diplomat under Bill Clinton and "eschewed confrontation in favor of negotiation with friend and foe alike." In 1981 Christopher received the Medal of Freedom award, the nation's highest civilian award.
- Chanting "Take Michigan Back," thousands of protesters rally at the state Capitol on Wednesday against Gov. Rick Snyder's controversial proposals to cut the budget.
- Michigan Gov. Snyder signs a legislative package that gives emergency financial managers, appointed by the state of Michigan, broad powers to run struggling cities and schools.
- The body of a 24-year-old teacher from Virginia is found making her the first known American victim of the Japanese tsunami.

BEST-SELLING AUTHORS

ACROSS

- Major tool and home appliance manufacturer
- Alternative to planted grass
- "___ the first stone"
- Each and all
- Hula dancer's necklace
- Classic rock song in which this name is repeated in title
- Make another map
- *It's in the title of Sun Tzu's famous book
- Blood carrier
- *Lawyer turned writer
- City by a bay
- Of a female
- ___ contendere
- Arabic garment
- Infamous Roman tyrant
- Light unit, pl.
- *Dalai ___
- Inconclusive
- Rent again
- Jet black
- *Steve Martin's other job
- Financial company T. ___ Price
- Ingredient in a mocha
- White-tailed sea eagle
- D'Artagnan's sword
- *Perhaps best known for his suspense thrillers
- Mail carrier
- Right-angle building extension
- "There's no I in ___"
- Swedish shag rug
- Done during prayer
- *English fantasy writer from 20th century
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| 67. Establish validity | 10. Sign of a saint | 42. Reproduction, informal |
| 68. Equipped with feathers | 11. Take a seat | 45. Be present at |
| 69. Victorian period, e.g. | 12. *Mortenson's "Three Cups of ___" | 49. Last letter of the alphabet |
| 70. *Arthur Hailey best-seller | 15. *He's most known for Western fiction | 51. Kind of fairy, pl |
| 71. Engineer, abbr. | 20. Entertainment complex | 54. Better to avoid this when dark? |
| 72. Nod up and down | 22. "___ About Eve" | 56. Ohio metropolis |
| 73. Angry growl | 24. Alchemist's panacea | 57. *King of horror? |
| | 25. Often follows "smart" | 58. Not ever |
| | 26. Hindi courtesy title | 59. *Start of "The Night Before Christmas" |
| | 27. It merged with BP in 1998 | 60. 9th letter of Greek alphabet |
| | 29. *She's fascinated with vampires | 61. "Never" without n |
| | 31. Being nothing more than specified, as in "a ___ child" | 62. ___ Gwyn, famous mistress of Charles II |
| | 32. Run off together | 63. "___ Maria" |
| | 33. Handrail post | 64. Computer network |
| | 34. *Romantic novelist | 66. Mining product |
| | 36. Shakespeare's "at another time" | |

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- *Novelist Elizabeth ___
- Last word on walkie-talkie
- 18-wheeler
- *Neal Stephenson's "Snow ___"
- Often found between two last names
- Shaq's best shot?
- Old-fashioned over
- Mark that indicates something is to be repeated

Solution on page 12



Thanks for the article on the LHS musical. Very nice coverage. It is appreciated by all.

Nobody cancel the show. You cannot replace a Charlie Sheen. He has tiger blood and he's winning!

- Eric Johnson

Great job with the musical kids! Really enjoyed it.

When submitting your opinion to Sound Off, we ask you to follow a few guidelines.

Sound Off is meant to be a way for you to compliment or vent your feelings with civility. A healthy way to get something off your chest or spread a little kindness.

We welcome your comments, with or without signatures, but signing your name to your comment does increase the odds of seeing it in print. Threatening or deliberately cruel comments will not be accepted and, of course, no advertising a product or service please.

So basically, submit anything - but not everything will make it to print.

The Ledger reserves the right to choose what is printed, and reminds the public that views expressed in Sound Off, unless otherwise stated, are not the opinions of The Ledger staff or its publishers.

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

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

Who should replace Charlie Sheen on "Two and a Half Men"?

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| Kirk Cameron | 0% |
| Howard Stern | 0% |
| Robert Downey Jr. | 70% |
| Michael J. Fox | 10% |
| Scott Baio | 10% |
| Andy Dick | 10% |



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Weather awareness week, March 27 - April 2

As Michigan Severe Weather Awareness Week (March 27-April 2) approaches, residents should remember to keep an eye to the sky when attending outdoor events. "With hundreds of fun outdoor activities each year throughout Michigan, it is important to know what do if you are outside and severe weather strikes," said

Rich Pollman, Chair of the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Committee.

Remember the following when you are attending outside events:



- Check the weather forecast before leaving your house.
- When you arrive check around for the nearest shelter.
- S e e k shelter when you first hear thunder, see dark threatening clouds developing overhead or lightning. Count

the seconds between the time you see lightning and hear the thunder. You should already be in a safe location if that time is less than 30 seconds.

- If you can't find a shelter, get into a fully enclosed vehicle. Put your head down below the windows, covering it with your hands or blanket.
- Stay inside until 30 minutes after you last hear thunder. Lightning can strike more than 10 miles away from any rainfall.

To assist those planning outdoor events, the Michigan Committee for Severe

Weather Awareness has developed a brochure to help develop an emergency plan those organizing farmers' markets, fairs and concerts. It is available on the website, www.mcswa.com.

In 2010, tornadoes and thunderstorms resulted in one death, 22 injuries and \$360 million in damages in Michigan. Flooding caused another \$7 in damages.

It is important for Michiganians to

- Have emergency supplies on hand, including a battery-operated radio, a flashlight and a fresh supply of batteries.

• Know the shelter locations in public buildings, such as work, schools and shopping centers.

• Make a list of household furnishings and other items. Take photographs of each room. Store the list and photos in safe place.

• Have an emergency communication plan. Know how to reach family and friends if you are unable to meet at home.

• Create an emergency plan for your pets.

Lowell Takes It Off - over 1,000 pounds

New Orleans may have Fat Tuesday, but Lowell had "Slim Wednesday." That's how people were feeling at the tenth week, and final weigh-in for Lowell Takes It Off Weight Loss Challenge, as participants lost a total of 1,026 pounds. Teams signed up for the right to say they took off more than any other team in Lowell.

With 120 individuals and 30 teams participating this year, competition was tough. In the final tally, team Mission Slim Possible won losing

10.12 percent of their weight and a total of 122 pounds. Team members included Jill Dean, Julie Krajewski, Liz Pratt, Kim Taylor and Helen Thompson.

"We had a lot of fun. Not only did we help each other with moments of weakness, but we motivated each other to keep moving," Taylor said.

Throughout the day, folks would visit Harold Zeigler Ford to step on the scale one final time. The dealership donated use of an office in

their showroom for weekly weigh-ins.

On a week-to-week basis, there were a few pounds shed here and there, even the occasional slide back up one pound. Team members would cheer as losses were tallied and motivated each other to keep moving and eating healthier. Diet tips were shared and invitations to exercise together were accepted.

Lowell Community Wellness, the event organizer, will continue to promote

healthy living through community-wide initiatives throughout the year. At the Lowell Community Expo on March 26, Lowell Community Wellness will

kickoff a community survey to determine interest in activities and educational opportunities of interest to members of the Lowell

community. You can stop by their booth from 9 am to 3 pm at the Expo to share your opinion or watch your mailbox for their survey

Cyrocki named staff member of the month

Murray Lake second-grade teacher, Lori Cyrocki, was named February's Staff Member of the Month. Cyrocki has worked for Lowell schools 12 years. She began her career at Lowell Middle School before coming out to Murray Lake a few years ago.

Cyrocki and husband Dave have a daughter Sarah, who is a senior at Lowell High School; and a daughter and a son-in-law (Emily and Cameron) who live in Arizona, who are



Lori Cyrocki surrounded by her students.

expecting a baby boy in about two weeks. Cyrocki and her husband are excited to go and see their first grandchild over spring break.

"Lori is a dedicated staff member. She truly cares deeply about each one of her students. Lori makes sure that everyone of her students reaches his or her highest potential," commented Murray Lake

principal, Brent Noskey. "The best thing about being a teacher is being able to see and be a part of all the growth and changes in the students as the school year goes by. I truly enjoy teaching here at Murray Lake," said Cyrocki.

When Cyrocki is not teaching, she enjoys reading (especially biographies), shopping with her daughter and cooking.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance:

1. An amendment to Section 4.20(b) to allow recreational vehicles to be parked in the front yard for up to 72 hours for the purposes of loading, unloading and cleaning. The current regulation is 24 hours.
2. An amendment to add Section 4.20(d) which would prohibit trailers from being parked in the front yard in the R-2, R-3 and Mobile Home Park Zoning Districts except that trailers could be parked in the front yard for up to 72 hours for the purposes of loading, unloading and cleaning. A trailer may also be parked in the rear yard if the height of the trailer is less than six feet.
3. An amendment to Section 4.20 to change the title of this section to add the word "Trailers"

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

The proposed amendments 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

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